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## **In Novosibirsk Region members of organized criminal group charged with fraud with dietary supplement put on trial**



The Novosibirsk Region investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case against six Novosibirsk residents, depending on the role of each, charged with part 2 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (membership in a criminal society) and part 4 of article 159 (fraud on an especially massive scale).

According to investigators, in 2008 in Novosibirsk two local residents organized a criminal society and registered legal entities to get regular profit from selling dietary supplements to citizens. To run the business they rented premises, involved over ten people and divided criminal roles between them. They included managers, suppliers, call center operators, people acting as medical specialists and others. Citizens applied for the representatives of the firm to be consulted on improvement of their health, so the operators acting on preliminarily prepared instructions persuaded them to buy dietary

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supplements for longer effect, but the supplements were delivered only after payment had been affected. The total sum of the money stolen from the citizens is over 50 million rubles.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence, therefore the criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

At present the main criminal case is continued to be investigated. There are 15 people under investigation including the organizers of the criminal society. Investigating operations are underway to gather more evidence.

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