
In Stavropol Region checks underway into bribing witness to give false testimony in criminal case against former city manager Igor Bestuzhev



Stavropol Territory Investigative agencies of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation are conducting initial inquiry into bribing a witness to give false testimony in the criminal case against the former city manager of the city of Stavropol Igor Bestuzhev accused of attempted accepting and accepting of a bribe for leasing land.

According to preliminary data, April 25, 2014, the witness told the judge in charge of the criminal case against the former city manager of the city of Stavropol, that during a month he had been approached by representatives of Igor Bestuzhev and asked to change his testimony for a

consideration in the amount of 250 million rubles.

Investigators will carefully check this information and will take a procedural decision upon the checks' results. But for me personally, there is nothing unexpected in this information, because throughout the criminal investigation Bestuzhev had repeatedly undertaken a variety of attempts to justify his participation in "illegal activities". I'm not talking about his claim that proceedings against him had been launched due to political reasons and other banal and absurd accusations. But the accusation of investigators that Bestuzhev had been tortured in the pre-trial detention center stands out of this series of platitudes. Then, at a meeting of the court when his arrest was extended, Bestuzhev shamelessly said about the tortures, describing them in detail. But, in fact, he heard about all those Jesuit subtleties and details from his experiences cellmate on the eve of the court hearing, and the investigators naturally found out about this. Therefore, the information about bribing a witness is not something original.

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