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## Alexey Navalny's associates charged with fraud



The Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee under the investigation into stealing money on an especially large scale transferred to the Navalny's Moscow mayor election campaign, have charged Konstantinas Yankauskas and Nikolai Lyaskin with fraud (part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code). Today Presnya district court is considering a motion of the investigators to place Yankauskas, who is a deputy of Zyuzino municipal district of Moscow, under house arrest pending the trial. Lyaskin has been released on recognizance.

According to investigators, in 2013, Yankauskas, Lyaskin, Vladimir Ashurkov, who is now abroad, and other unidentified accomplices conspired to steal money by deceit on an especially large scale. Implementing the common plan of the crime, they transferred 1 million rubles each to the Navalny's election account in OAO Sberbank of Russia, counting this way to have concealed the fact of illegal funding of Navalny's campaign from anonymous sources. Then in the Internet they posted an address

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to all users to compensate their expenses and replenish their on-line wallets on Yandex. Money. They planned to spend 3 million rubles to compensate their expenses and the rest of the money to fund Navalny's political activity. The money they received this way, at least 10 million rubles, which was transferred to on-line accounts, they stole and spent on their own needs.

The investigators are planning to put Vladimir Ashukrov, the third of the identified accomplices of Navalny, on a wanted list and to issue a warrant on him.

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