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## **Former head of Property Relations Department of Defense Ministry Yevgenia Vasilyeva to stand trial**



The Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has finished investigating a criminal case against former head of the Department for Property Relationships of the Russian Defense Ministry Yevgenia Vasilyeva. She is charged with 12 counts of crimes under articles 159, 174.1, 201, 286 of the RF Penal Code (fraud; money laundering; abuse of office, exceeding official powers).

According to investigators, Vasilyeva Vasiliyeva used her official position to choose the most liquid shares, properties and other assets owned by Oboronservis and after that organized their selling at underrated prices. Vasilyeva managed the stolen assets in person via companies she controlled. In addition, Vasilyeva received millions rubles in cash from her trustees in charge of money laundering. The total damage caused by her crimes exceeds 3 billion rubles. All that was committed by an organized group composed of Irina Yegorova, Larisa Yegorina, Yuri Grekhnev, Maxim Zakutailo, Dinara Bilyalova and Yekaterina Smetanova.

Unlike Vasilyeva, some of them pleaded guilty and concluded a pretrial cooperation deal. The first person under investigation in this case has been sentenced in April.

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During the search in Vasilyeva's residents the investigators had found and confiscated: a collection of paintings, 3.5 million rubles in cash, over a thousand of pieces of jewelry of precious stones and metals, watches of famous world brands worth overall 127 million rubles. Properties, jewels and antiquities of all the accused were arrested. This way, Vasilyeva's alone real assets arrested included 6 real estates in Moscow and Saint-Petersburg, a 25 million rubles bank account, accounts of her companies with overall over 300 million rubles on them.

By now court has considered all the motions filed by the accused and denied all of them.

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

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