In Moscow former employees of Sberbank found guilty of attempted fraud



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Central Federal District Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former deputy director of problem assets department of OAO Sberbank of Russia Vyacheslav Pokhlebin, former acting director of legal entities' problem assets department of Srednerussky bank of OAO Sberbank of Russia Pavel Konikand Denis Vasikha. Depending on the role of each one they were found guilty of a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 3 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (attempted bribe on a large scale committed by a person using their official position).

The court and investigators have found that in June 2012, Pokhlebin and Konik through mediator Vasekha committed an attempted fraud worth 100 million rubles. In exchange they were to commit actions in the interests of a businessman, connected with taking a decision by the Committee on

problem assets of Sberbank of Russia on giving up the rights to demand loans from three commercial organizations worth more than 700 million rubles to the firm controlled by the businessman for 350 million rubles. The illegal actions however were not finished as were stopped law enforcement officers.

The court has sentenced Pokhlebin and Konik to 3.5 years in prison, Vasekha to 2.5 years in prison.

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