
In Arkhangelsk Region man charged with organization and membership in criminal group to stand trial



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Arkhangelsk Region and Nenets Autonomous Region have finished investigating a criminal case against Aleksey Peunko and his accomplices. They are charged with crimes under part 2, 3 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (organization and membership in a criminal community), paragraphs "b" and "c" of part 2 of article 179 (forcing to sign deals and refuse to sign them), part 2 of article 167 (deliberate destruction of another's property), part 1 of article 201 (abuse of authority in a commercial organization), part 3 of article 174.1 (money laundering).

According to investigators, in 2009, Peunkov set up and headed a criminal community in the Arkhangelsk Region with the purpose to commit serious and especially serious crimes. Between 2009 and 2013 the members of the said community in order to monopolize the market of mason's sand used physical force and threats to use it forced businessmen to refuse to conclude mason's sand sales contact and delivery contracts and to conclude them only with the firms controlled by the gang.

20 people were recognized victims. They include sole proprietors and companies.

Pending the trial the accused were remanded in custody and released on bail.

The criminal case was initiated based on the files provided by the Arkhangelsk Region Office of the Federal Security Service.

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.

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