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## In Chuvashia head of district center to stand trial for exceeding authority in housing sphere



The investigating bodies of the Russia’s Investigative Committee for the Chuvash Republic have completed investigating a criminal case against the head of Yalchiki rural settlement, Yalchiki District. He is charged with a crime under part 2 of article 286 of the RF Penal Code (exceeding official authorities committed by head of local authority).

According to investigators, in 2006, the accused misled 17 tenants of house No 17 in Sovetskaya street in the village of Yalchiki about possibility to privatize their flats only if they pay for reconstruction of the house. Breaching the law the house was recognized ramshackle, though could have been recognized only conducive to accident and subject to be taken down, which would have bind the municipality to provide the tenants with other houses under social hire agreements. As a result, the tenants were forced to conclude with a municipal enterprise of the housing and communal services so-called “agreements on business stake in building social houses” and basically paid the expenses of the enterprise on reconstructing the house standing at over 2 million 800 thousand

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rubles. In fact, though the victims basically financed the reconstruction, they acquired the right to privatize the flats only few years after they had concluded with the settlement adequate agreements on social hire in 2008-2011. Moreover, contrary to the law they paid for their right to privatize. Families of three more tenants refused to fulfill the official's requirements. During the reconstruction the tenants had to handle the matter of finding a place to live on their own: they rented flats or lived at their relatives' houses; two families who had nowhere to go stayed in the building without communal services, including central heating in autumn and winter.

The investigator has gathered enough evidence, therefore, the criminal cases against former and current heads of Yalchiki rural settlement have been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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