
Criminal investigation launched against ex-Governor of Novosibirsk Region Vasily Yurchenko



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Siberian Federal District have opened a criminal case against Vasily Yurchenko. He is suspected of a crime under part 2 of article 286 of the RF Penal Code (exceeding authority).

According to investigators, in 2010, Yurchenko being the first Deputy Governor of the Novosibirsk Region ordered to cancel an auction selling an unfinished building and a piece of land on Chaplygin street in the city of Novosibirsk. The property was owned by GazTransKom 100% shares of which are owned by the Novosibirsk Region. But Yurchenko ordered to sell the property to OOO Taktika at a price they want not higher than 20 million rubles. As a result rights and legal interests of physical persons and legal entities were considerably violated as their rights to take part in the auction and buy the property were restricted, as well as the right granted by Constitution on free use of their

capacities and property to run business or any other economic activity not forbidden by law. The wrongdoing also caused considerable loss to GazTransKom. Additionally, the Novosibirsk Region budget did not get the income of about 18 million rubles by unreasonable lowering of prices on GazTransKom shares owned by the Novosibirsk Region.

At present investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the crime. The investigation is ongoing.

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