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## **In Moscow criminal investigation started in suspension of activity by OOO Yuzhny Krest Travel damaging thousands of people**



Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has opened a criminal case over a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud) after illegal financial transactions carried out by the travel agency OOO Yuzhny Krest Travel (Southern Cross Travel LLC) damaging tens of thousands of people.

Investigators believe that the owners of the said company knowing about large unpaid bills to their partners and having no money to pay them from their own funds, continued receiving money from citizens and selling them vouchers misleading them about their intentions and real means in organizing trips. Because of the said actions, people, who had paid for the tours could not set off for the holiday or get back from the holiday on time. According to preliminary reports the pecuniary damage may stand at hundreds of million rubles.

During the probe the investigators are going to study financial activity of the travel agency, check its legality, identify exact damage caused to the citizens and prosecute owners and top managers of

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Yuzhny Krest Travel guilty of the crime.

The investigators are also going to assess actions or inactions of state officials in charge of control and supervision of observing rights of citizens in the area of tourism.

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