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## **Ex-Deputy Head of Murmansk Region Main Office of Russian Emergencies Ministry charged with misappropriation on very large scale**



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee for the Murmansk Region continue investigating a criminal case against officials of the Murmansk Region Main Office of the Russian Emergencies Ministry, who stole funds allocated to give bonuses to the employees, as a crime under part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code.

Investigators have established that former Deputy Head of the Murmansk Region Main Office of the Russian Emergencies Ministry had been involved in the crime. Considering the evidence the man was charged with a crime under part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code (misappropriation of money on a very large scale).

According to the investigators, the accused came up with the scam how to steal the funds of the Murmansk Region Main Office of the Russian Emergencies Ministry allocated to give bonuses to its employees. Under his scam, the employees did not get most of their bonuses, but they had to sign reports proving that they did get them, while members of a criminal group took the money.

The actions of the accused, who acted in an organized criminal group, caused the Murmansk Region Main Office of the Russian Emergencies Ministry damage worth over 100 million rubles. The scam was run for over three years until it was broken off by the officers of the Murmansk Region Office of the Federal Security Service.

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On 13 September 2014, at the request made by the investigators, a court ruled to remand the accused in custody pending the trial.

At present a number of search and investigating operations are underway to identify all the members of the criminal group. The investigation is ongoing.

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