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## **Ex-Governor of Novosibirsk Region Vasily Yurchenko charged with excess authority**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigating a criminal case against former governor of the Novosibirsk Region Vasily Yurchenko. He is charged with a crime under part 2 of article 286 of the RF Penal Code (excess of 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.

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The accused has been released on recognizance. The investigation is ongoing.

In addition, the investigation into illegal transfer of a piece of land owned by the Russian Federation from the category of lands of defense and security to the category of agricultural lands is continued.

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