
In Altai Territory criminal investigation launched against Maxim Savintsev suspected of fraud



The Altai Territory investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched a criminal investigation against Maxim Savintsev suspected of a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud committed by and organized group on a very large scale).

According to investigators, in November 2011, Maxim Savintsev learnt that OAO Doveriye was the largest municipal facility manager in the city and was worth over 30 million rubles. Using his connections in the administration Savintsev organized preliminary evaluation of shares and almost thrice understated the price. Then he arranged so that they were sold to his men of straw step by step, in small packages, not representing any interest to potential buyers. The suspect also ensured that the bidding applications were filed from nominal participants of auctions so that it looked like bidding in due order and forced other bidders to drop out the auction. As a result of the said actions Savintsev bought 100% of shares of OAO Doveriye in the name of a man of straw and at understated price, causing the city a loss of over 19 million rubles.

In addition, he with the help of CEO of OAO Doveriye Denis Suchkov and chief accountant Svetlana Bronitskaya stole money citizens paid for the communal bills and 12 million rubles meant to be transferred to OAO Kuzbassenergo.

Earlier Savintsev's accomplices Suchkov and Bronitskaya were charged with a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud committed by an organized group on a very large scale).

In addition, head of administration of Barnaul Igor Savintsev and his subordinates, in charge of housing and communal services and municipal property are being checked on involvement in the said crime. Their offices and residences have been searched.

Due to the fact that Maxim Savintsev is hiding from investigators, he is expected to be put on the international wanted list and arrested in absentia.

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