
In Moscow Region former first deputy head of Serpukhov and director of town foundation found guilty of fraud and embezzlement



A court has recognized the evidence collected by the first investigation department of the Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee located in Moscow sufficient to convict first deputy head of the town of Serpukhov in Moscow Region Alexey Afanasov and director of the city foundation Revival and Development of Serpukhov Lyubov Voronova. Depending on the role of each one they were found guilty of crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code, part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 (fraud and attempted fraud), part 5 of article 33, part 3 of article 160, part 3 of article 160 (misappropriation or embezzlement and complicity in misappropriation and embezzlement).

The court and investigators have found out that in 2006, Voronova with complicity of Afanasov embezzled 550 thousand rubles voluntarily donated by the businessman of the town to the said foundation to build a fence around school No 2 in Serpukhov. In addition, the same year Afanasov fraudulently got hold of the money of an enterprise in Serpukhov, having demanded from the CEO to transfer to the account of the firm under his control 10% of the money the latter got for contract building of school No 12 in Serpukhov, threatening that otherwise he would not pay on time for the

work done. But he had no authority to transfer the money as the payment was affected by the administration of Moscow Region. As the result Afanasov got hold of over 13 million rubles. In 2010, Afanasov attempted to get by fraudulent way 3 million rubles from another businessman claiming that he could ensure the quickest receipt the development documents necessary to start building in Serpukhov, but not intending to do anything for that.

The court has sentenced Afanasov to 5 years to be served in a minimum-security penal colony and a fine of 600 thousand rubles. Voronova has got a suspended sentence of 3 years and a fine of 5 thousand rubles.

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