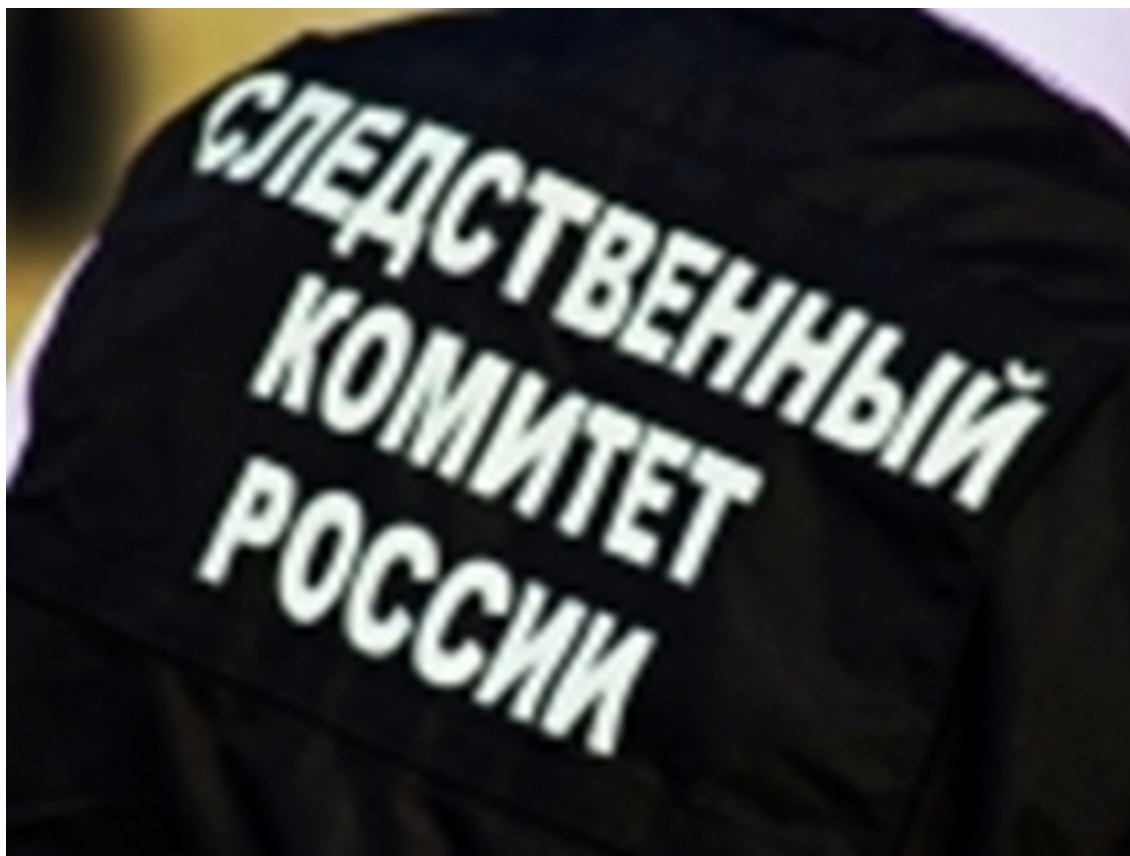

Members of criminal community extorting money from businessmen in Severodvinsk detained in Arkhangelsk Region



Arkhangelsk Region and Nenets Autonomous Area investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have opened a criminal case against Oleg Shamanin and 13 active members of Shamaninskiye gang. They are suspected of crimes under parts 1,2 and 4 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (organization of criminal society and membership in it), paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 3 of article 163 (extortion), part 1 of article 318 (use of force against representatives of authority).

According to investigators Shamanin being on top of a criminal hierarchy set up and headed Shamaninskiye gang in 2012 in the town of Severodvinsk, Arkhangelsk Region in order to extort money from businessmen by using violence and destroying other's property, threats to do that and by other criminal actions for making illegal money.

As a result of operations conducted by the regional office of the Federal Security Service it has been revealed that each month businessman gave to the gang between 10 thousand and several million rubles. In case of refusal to pay, the gang members destroyed businessmen's property, including setting fire to cars, shops and clubs in the town of Severodvinsk.

Searches have been conducted today in suspects' residences with the support of special units of the regional office of the Federal Security Service. The investigators confiscated money, documents and electronic data carriers.

The suspects are in detention. At present urgent investigative operations are underway to find out all the circumstances of the crimes. The investigators are also getting ready a packet of documents of file a request of placing the suspects in custody.

The criminal case was launched based on files provided by the Arkhangelsk Region office of the Russia's Investigative Committee.

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