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## **In Komi Republic former head of town district administration to stand court for bribery, embezzlement and abuse of office**



Komi investigating bodies of the Russia’s Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case against deputy of the council of Syktyvkar town district municipality – former head of administration of the city district Roman Zenishchev. He is charged with receiving a bribe on a massive scale (paragraph “d” of part 4 of article 290 of the RF Penal Code – 3 counts), embezzlement of entrusted property by a person using their official position (part 3 of article 160) and abuse of official powers (part 1 of article 285).

According to investigators, in October-December 2007, Zenishchev while serving as the head of Syktyvkar district administration with complicity of his deputy Sergey Luchenkov got a bribe of 10 million rubles for illegal actions while executing in 2007 a municipal contract on preparing design estimates, building and supply of equipment: Module boiler room in the village of Nizhny Chov of

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the town of Syktyvkar to a facility. As a result of his illegal actions the contractor supplied a boiler room of less capacity than it was provided by the requirements specification and therefore the cheaper one. Despite that fact Zenishchev ordered to sign the acceptance certificate of the finished building of the facility, after that the money under the municipal contract was transferred to the contractor and the municipality suffered a loss of the same sum.

In June-July 2007, Zenishchev realizing that issuance of permit to construct blocks of flats in the block of streets Krasnykh Partizan – Pervomayskaya – Internatsionalnaya – Svobody in Syktyvkar depends on his actions, he demanded from OOO Facility Manager ICT to fictitiously appoint Polina Golovanova (then a close friend, currently a wife) on a top position and got a fee of over 800 thousand rubles, which the company in 2007-2009 transferred to Golovanova's bank account.

In November-December 2007, Zenishchev took a bribe of 12 million rubles for ensuring future victory of OOO Department of Transportation Construction in a tender on the right to conclude a municipal contract on supply of snow plows for the needs of the town, as well as for general patronage and connivance.

In May 2008, six employees of Syktyvkar administration including Zenishchev visited Spain and a number of other European countries as tourists. The trip was financed by the funds of municipal budget under the contract on professional development "management of organization and personnel" concluded with the Urals interregional office of NGO – Society "Knowledge" of Russia "Urals and Siberian Home of Knowledge". Zenishchev being the head of administration ordered to pay the bill on 385 thousand rubles to the organization and signed the acceptance certificate, knowing that the officials of the administration had not been trained.

In 2009-2010, Zenishchev committed illegal actions to create favorable conditions for OOO Averazh, the sole founder of which was Golovanova, for participating in disbursement of budget funds allocated for moving people from ramshackle houses and to make more money. As a result of the said abuses OOO Averazh with violations of law became the owner of an unfinished block of flats in Petrozavodskaya street (the market cost of the house was underrated by 10.7 million rubles) and won two auctions on the right to conclude municipal contracts. In addition, aware that the company executed its liability under contracts improperly, that is the houses passed to the municipality did not meet provisions of the contracts (there was no sanitary technical or engineer equipment) Zenishchev still signed acceptance certificates and OOO Averazh received money from the budget.

The investigators have gathered enough evidence so the criminal case with the approved indictment will soon be sent to court to be tried on the merits.

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