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## **Delta-bank in Vladivostok and residences of its top managers being searched under investigation in stealing during construction of Primorye Aquarium**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case against Director of Construction Department of Primorye Territory Andrey Poplavsky, CEO of OOO scientific production association NPO Mostovik Oleg Shishov and other persons opened in stealing of money during construction of Primorye Aquarium Scientific and Educational Complex.

Today investigators of the Investigative Committee and officials of the Federal Security Service for Primorye Territory have carried out searches in Delta-bank in Vladivostok. They confiscated electronic data carriers and documents vital for the investigation.

According to investigators top managers of ZAO Delta-bank (Former ZAO Commercial bank Mercury) in 2009-2010 with assistance of the bank employees illegally cashed about 40 million rubles received by subcontractor OOO Kontur+ from the general contractor that was building

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Primorye Aquarium, but did not accomplish any work whatsoever. The investigators believe that after having been cashed, the money was stolen by Poplavsky and other persons.

At present the investigators keep on searching the residences of the bank's top managers. It should be noted that one of them named Andrey Firsov has left Russia and moved to the USA realizing that it is hardly possible that he would be given up to Russian justice from there.

In addition, according to investigators, in the period between March 2010 and September 2014 Shishov and Poplavsky together with other unidentified individuals stole by deceit 1 billion 982 million rubles allocated from the federal budget on the construction of Primorye Aquarium Scientific and Educational Complex in the city of Vladivostok, failing to complete construction in time, despite the fact that it had been prepaid for.

To recompense for the damage the investigators have arrested Poplavsky's property, namely his flat, house, land, nonresidential premises, located in Khabarovsk Territory, a Toyota Land Cruiser car, A Harley Davidson motorcycle and expensive watches. The investigators also arrested Shishov's share of OOO Mostovik worth over 5000 million rubles.

Poplavsky and Shishov are charged with crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud). Both of them would not confess to the crimes.

It is obvious that the scheme involved not only Shishov and Poplavsky, so the investigators are going to identify and prosecute all individuals involved in stealing of federal money. The investigation is ongoing.

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