
Bribery investigation on against Sakhalin Region Governor and his accomplices



The main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee is investigating a criminal case against Governor of Sakhalin Region Alexander Khoroshavin concerning his admitting a bribe on a very large scale and against Andrey Ikramov and other individuals who were intermediaries in the bribery, that is crimes under part 6 of article 290 and part 4 of article 291.1 of the RF Penal Code.

10 searches have been conducted in Sakhalin and 5 in Moscow and Moscow Region in cooperation with the Department of Internal Security of the Federal Security Service. Large sums of money in rubles and foreign currencies, a lot of jewelry and expensive watches and cell phones were confiscated from Khoroshavin's flat in Moscow, his holiday house and residence. The searches are underway at the moment.

Khoroshavin has been detained and transported to Moscow for investigative activities. Today the

court will decide on restraint to Khoroshavin and three of his accomplices.

The investigative and search operations take a lot of time, so addressing to Sakhalin officials and businessmen, the Russia's Investigative Committee explains that in accordance with a comment to article 291 of the Russian Penal Code, a person, who voluntarily has reported bribery is not subject to prosecution or a large fine.

The fact that the criminal investigation was launched against such a high-profile official confirms the resolution of the state to fight corruption guided by the main principle that there are no untouchables and there will not be any. So I believe it necessary to remind officials of all ranks who confuse their own business with the state ones: do stop until it is not too late! Otherwise you will share the fate of Dudka, former governor of Tula Region, mayor of Stavropol Bestuzhy and mayor of Astrakhan Stolyarov and other jailed officials. As for Khoroshavin and his accomplices, only a court of justice can determine the degree of their guilt and punishment for it, but we are not going to hide anything.

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