
In Moscow investigation launched in import and distribution of unregistered medicines



The investigating bodies of Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee have launched a criminal investigation against Ivan Simulidi, Olga Potapova, Sergey Rudenko, Marina Domracheva, Yelena Lavrova and Oleg Korotkov. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud) and paragraph "a of part 2 of article 238.1 (dealing in counterfeit, subquality and unregistered medicines).

According to investigators, Simulidi set up an organized criminal group composed of Potapova, Rudenko, Domracheva, Lavrova, Korotkov and other unidentified individuals. Members of this criminal group used the Internet to spread false information on GA-40 medication in an attempt to make money by misleading citizens about pharmacological action of GA-40, which was not registered in the Russian Federation, and had not undergone any pre-clinical or clinical tests.

According to that information GA-40 was a medicine curing oncological diseases, hepatitis and other serious illnesses. They sold the said medicine to interested citizens. The pharmacological action stated in the instruction was not confirmed by clinical tests. Use of GAO-40 for medical purposes could have harmed patients' health and lives.

This way, in the period between 15 and 31 March 2015, the perpetrators sold the amount of GA-40 worth 105 thousand rubles, which is a large amount. During the searches the investigators confiscated the amount of the said medication worth over 1.5 million rubles.

At present all of the members of the criminal group have been detained and charged. Simulidi and Potapova have been placed in custody pending trial, the rest have been released on recognizance. The investigation is ongoing.

The initiation and investigation of the case is continuing the consistent work in revealing and investigating crimes connected with dealing in counterfeit, subquality or unregistered medicines.

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