
Another defendant detained in Admiral fire case, building owner's property arrested and Alexey Semin wanted



Tatarstan investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case over a fire in the Admiral shopping center. Investigators have detained Deputy CEO of OOO Zarya Gyulguseyn Nadzhafov, 49. A criminal case in a crime under part 3 of article 238 of the RF Penal Code (delivering services not meeting safety standards entailing death of two or more people by negligence) has been opened against him, CEO of OOO Zarya – the lease holder of the Admiral shopping center – Guaeyn Gakhramanov, 30, and his second deputy Nikolai Kayekin, 34.

According to investigators Gakhramanov, his deputies and other persons illegally used the building as a shopping center. They were aware that the facility had been used for a long time without permission and with gross violations of fire safety rules, but did nothing to put it right.

Chairman of the board of directors of facility manager AS Management Alexey Semin is wanted. The property of AS Management, which is the owner of the building where the Admiral shopping center was located, namely over 400 buildings and plots of land in the Russian Federation, has been arrested.

This way by now there are 12 defendants. They are Chairman of the board of directors of facility manager AS Management Alexey Semin, CEO of OAO Investment Construction Company and ZAO Facility Manager AS Management Robert Khayrullin, CEO of OOO Zarya – the leaseholder of the Admiral shopping center Guseyn Gakhramanov, his deputies Nikolai Kayekin and Gyulguseyn Nadzhafov, head of inter-district bailiffs' office for special enforcement proceedings of Tatarstan Office of the Federal Bailiffs' Service Zhanna Alparova, former executor Minzilya Safina, specialists of the State Construction Surveillance Inspectorate Galiya Isayeva and Roman Yudin, and three workers Nail Gabdulkhayev, Firdinat Uldanov and Albert Khalikov. Depending on their roles in the crime they were charged and put under restraint. The investigators think it possible for the

circle of the defendants to widen and we are sure that all those responsible for the tragedy will not escape justice.

In addition, Tatarstan investigating bodies are checking some of the officials of the Tatarstan prosecutor's office to find out if their actions contained signs of a crime under part 3 of article 285 (abuse of office entailing grave consequences).

At present the investigators continue questioning witnesses and confiscating documents from supervising and controlling bodies. Investigators are going to assign a number of expert examinations in the Federal Forensic Examinations Center of the Russian Ministry of Justice (Moscow), including a construction and fire technical ones, which will allow the investigators to answer the question about the causes of the fire in the Admiral shopping center and collapse of its roof. Besides, over 70 forensic examinations and over 20 DNA tests have already been run. The investigation is ongoing.

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