
Deputy of Murmansk Region Duma to stand trial on charges of grand embezzlement and abuse of power



The investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee in Murmansk Region have finished investigating a criminal case against deputy of Murmansk Region Duma Vasily Shambir. He is charged with crimes under part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code (embezzlement of funds on a very large scale) and part 2 of article 201 (abuse of power by a manager of a company).

According to investigators, between 2007 and 2009 Shambir while being a shareholder, member of the board of directors and the CEO of OAO Kandalaksha Pilot Engineering Plant (hereinafter KOMZ) deliberately used his position to steal money entrusted to him and belonging to KOMZ. To realize his criminal intention Shambir each month under fictitious pretexts (fee, wage, vacation pay, final settlement, quarter bonuses) signed checks in the name of his authorized delegate and them ordered to withdraw money from the account of KOMZ. This way Shambir got hold of over 45 million rubles. The accused illegally transferred over 1.5 million rubles of the pant he was in charge of to his bank account opened in Murmansk.

In addition, between 2007 and 2009 Shambir, while being the CEO of KOMZ used his powers to

dispose of the plant's funds and conclude contracts with contractors against the plant's interests and in the interests of other people, by which he caused the plant pecuniary damage of at least 277 million rubles.

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

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