
In Altai Territory investigation against organized group headed by Maxim Savintsev charged with fraud, including with property of Doveriye facility manager finished



Altai Territory investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished investigating a criminal case against members of the organized group. Depending on the role of each one Maxim Savintsev, former heads of Doveriye facility manager Denis Suchkov and Alexander Krylov, head of a department of OAO Kuzbassenergo (OAO BTKS) Sergey Vernigorov are charged with crimes under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (misappropriation or embezzlement committed by an organized group on a very large scale).

According to investigators, in November 2011, Maxim Savintsev learnt that OAO Doveriye was the largest municipal facility manager in the city and was worth over 30 million rubles. Implementing his criminal scheme of stealing the enterprise as a complex of property he decided to buy its shares at

understated price in the name of a man of straw. As a result of his frauds the suspect in October 2013 became an owner of 100% shares of OAO Doveriye causing the town of Barnaul a loss of over 19 million rubles.

In addition, from 2012 to February 2014 he with the help of CEO of OAO Doveriye Denis Suchkov and chief accountant Svetlana Bronitskaya stole money citizens paid for the communal bills. The members of the group transferred money that went to the account of the company to accounts of sham firms and then cashed. At the same time they stole the money that was transferred from consumers to the account of the facility manager as a payment for heating and hot water supply due to be transferred to OAO Kuzbassenergo (presently OAO BTSK). To do that the members of the group conspired with the employees of a resource supplying organization, falsified meter reports knowingly putting in them understated rates of heating consumption and then filed them with OAO Kuzbassenergo (OAO BTSK). As a result less money was transferred to the organization and the accused stole the difference. The total sum of damage resulted from frauds stood at about 9 million rubles.

Svetlana Bronitskaya and an employee of the resource supplying company admitted to their guilt and concluded a cooperation deal with the investigator, so the criminal cases against them were sent to court to be tried on the merits in November 2014. Bronitskaya was found guilty and got a suspended sentence of 4.5 years.

A lot of work has been done during the probe: over 400 witnesses have been questioned, 17 forensic accounting examinations have been run, a lot of searches have been conducted in cooperation with operatives of the local offices of the Federal Security Service and Ministry of the Interior, including in the offices and residences of high-ranking officials of Barnaul town administration. In order to compensate the damage to the state the investigators arrested car of one of the accused worth 900 thousand rubles, 2 million rubles confiscated from the office of Doveriye facility manager during the search and shares and property of the company worth over 31 million rubles.

At present all investigative operations have been finished. The accused and their lawyers are reading the records. When they are finished the investigator will make a final version of the indictment and along with the criminal case will send it to be approved by the prosecutor.

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