
Former head of Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region Pensions Fund Department jailed for bribery



A court has recognized the evidence gathered by the Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee sufficient to convict former manager of Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region department of the Russian Pension Fund 56-year-old Natalya Grishkevich. She was found guilty of taking a bribe on an especially massive scale for illegal inaction (part 6 of article 290 of the RF Penal Code).

The court and investigators have found that in May 2006, in a hotel on the Moyka embankment Grishkevich conspired with President of OAO VEFK (OJSC) Alexander Gitelson, interested in improvement of financial indicators of OAO Bank VEFK. According to their agreement Grishkevich was to provide transfer of money to finance pensions and other social payouts to the account in the abovementioned bank with the average non-cut balance of no less than 1 billion rubles. To implement their criminal intention in the period between May and July 2006,

Grishkevich, knowing that in accordance with the Federal Law “On compulsory pension insurance in the Russian Federation” the funds of the compulsory pension insurance were kept at the accounts of the Russian Pension Fund to provide financing of pensions and other social payouts, opened in the offices of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and about the activity of the department she was heading through the accounts of Bank VEFK, did not close the accounts in the said bank and by this committed illegal inaction.

This way, in the period between May 2006 and 29 December 2008, Grishkevich provided financing of pensions and other social payouts and financing of the activity of the department she was heading through the accounts in Bank VEFK. For these actions Grishkevich had received from Gitelson a bank card, on which in the period between August 2006 and July 2009, he transferred a bribe of over 1 million 800 thousand US dollars, which at the rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation equals to over 47 million rubles.

The court sentenced Grishkevich to 10 years to be served in a minimum-security penal colony and a fine of 950 thousand rubles.

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