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## Investigation against ex-mayor of Tula finished



The investigative bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee in Tula Region have finished investigation against Alexander Prokopuk, former head of Tula municipality, and Alexander Zhiltsov, Deputy Director of Spetsavtokhozyaistvo who was also chairman of the district election commission. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under part 4 of article 160 of the RF Criminal Code (embezzlement on a very large scale) and part 5 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 (complicity in embezzlement on a very large scale).

According to investigators, Prokopuk, being a director of the municipal state enterprise of Tula municipality Spetsavtokhozyaistvo, in the period from 3 February 2011 to 11 December 2012 organized making and signing of documents on works at solid domestic waste landfill in the city of Tula, containing knowingly false information on the amount and ownership of equipment used and volume of the works carried out by the contractor.

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The case against Prokopuk was opened in July 2014. Investigators revealed that Alexander Zhiltsov and another man had had a hand in the crime, this is why three more criminal cases were opened in December 2014 and later joined in a single proceeding.

As a result of Prokopuk's wrongdoings committed with complicity of two people, Spetsavtokhozyaystvo unreasonably transferred to contractor about 30 million rubles which later was stolen.

At present the investigation is finished and the case has been sent for the indictment to be approved and further to be sent to court to be tried on the merits.

The third of the accused made a cooperation deal and the criminal case against him was severed in separate proceeding. By now the case has been tried and a court found the man guilty of 3 counts of a crime under part 5 of article 33, part 4 of article 160 of the RF Penal Code (complicity in embezzlement on a very large scale) and gave him a suspended sentence of 4 years and a fine of 2 million rubles.

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