In Moscow during investigation in fraud former head of Perm Territory Main Office of Federal Penitentiary Service remanded in custody

The investigating bodies of the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a criminal case against a group of frauds which included former head of the Perm Territory Main Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service and former officials of the office. They are charged with a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud on a very large scale).

According to investigators, in 2008, the group of frauds including former officials of the Perm Territory Main Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service, learnt that a citizen received threats from a convict that was serving his time in a correctional institute in Perm Territory and decided to use it to their advantage. Between 2008 and 2009, the accomplices acting by deceit persistently convinced the citizen that the only way to stop the threats was by giving them money. For the huge sum the

former officials promised to organize prosecution of the convict for a new crime while he was serving his time and this to make his term longer. In February 2009, in Moscow, one of the accomplices received from the victim 100 thousand US dollars. When the threat had not stopped, the man had to again go to the former officials in September 2012. They convinced him that they needed 400 thousand US dollars more. The man was tricked and gave then 200 thousand US dollars.

The actions of the former officials were stopped thanks to joint operation of the investigators of the Moscow Main Investigations Directorate and officers of the Federal Security Service.

Earlier tow more members of the criminal group were detained and placed in custody.

By the present moment the former head of the Perm Territory Main Office of the Federal Penitentiary Service has been charged and remanded in custody. The investigation is ongoing.

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