Head of 242nd training center of airborne units Oleg Ponomaryov arrested in Omsk following investigators' request



The Main Military Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigation in in collapse of military barracks in the village of Svetly, Omsk Region as a crime under part 3 of article 293, part 3 of article 216, part 3 of article 286 of the Russian Penal Code (negligence, breach of safety rules during construction work, abuse of power).

Following a request of investigators today a court has ruled to remand Head of the 242nd training center of airborne troops Col. Oleg Ponomaryov in custody pending trial. Earlier during an interview he partially admitted his guilt in the crime, stating that it was he who had allowed the soldiers to settle in the barracks.

At present active investigative operations are underway to find the degree of guilt of each of the accused in the crime, and all the circumstances of the crime and identify other individuals that may be responsible for the crime. The investigation is ongoing.

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