
In Saint Petersburg new facts revealed in fake flying qualification documents case



The investigating bodies of the Northwestern Transport Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continue investigating a multi-count case against Andrey Kocharygin, the CEO of Aviation Training Center for all-service aircrafts Krylya Nevy. By now investigators know about 67 Kocharygin's crimes under paragraph "c" of part 4 of article 204 of the RF Penal Code (commercial bribery).

According to investigators, between 2009 and 2013, Kocharygin illegally received money from citizens for making and issuing documents confirming that they had been trained in Krylya Nevy Training Center. Later the documents were used to illegally get qualification certificates of amateur pilot and commercial flights pilot, allowing a number of people to be employed in small airlines and transport passengers and cargoes endangering their lives and health.

The investigators revealed that Alexandre Kanev and Andrey Maneyev were among those who had

illegally received fake commercial pilot qualification documents for a bribe. Having received the documents and qualification certificates, aware that they were false as they had not got proper training and that the documents were forged, those people submitted the documents to one of Russian airlines for the purpose of getting money and were employed as second pilots. Having misled the management of the airlines and passengers who used air transportation services about safety and quality of the services, Kanev and Maneyev worked as second pilots, endangering their lives and health.

The Northwestern Transport Investigations Directorate filed a case over crimes under paragraph “b” of part 2 of article 204, part 1 of article 238 of the RF Penal Code following transmission of the bribe by Maneyev to Kocharygin and provision of unsafe services.

By now following a request of the investigations directorate the Russian Aviation has decided to annul Kanev’s and Maneyev’s commercial flight pilot certificates.

Moreover, also following a request of the investigations directorate the Russian Aviation has annulled amateur pilot, commercial pilot and line pilot certificates issued to 46 people.

Based on the results of an unplanned certificate inspection and due to numerous violations of certificate training requirements revealed, it was decided to recall the certificate (license) of Krylya Nevy Training Center and cease its operation.

The investigators are going to reveal all crimes of the training center’s CEO and individuals who got forged documents and certificates. The investigation is ongoing.

It has to be noted that considerable, or rather overwhelming portion of all fatal air crashes happen because of violations of plane operation instructions by pilots, so greatest attention should be paid to both training of pilots and their professional development.

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