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## **Novgorod Region deputy governor and his two accomplices charged with attempted fraud**



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee has charged Deputy Governor of Novgorod Region Viktor Nechayev, his secretary Valery Kiselyov and Deputy CEO of Novgorod Region Development Corporation Ulyana Zhuravskaya with a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (attempted fraud).

According to investigators, Nechayev offered Head of Shimsk District, Novgorod Region Mikhail Nekipelov, who is under investigation in the Investigative Committee for a crime under article 201 (abuse of power) to arrange for the investigation to be dropped for 5.5 million rubles. Later, Zhuravskaya acting in conspiracy with Nechayev, during personal meetings and talks on the phone inclined Nekipelov to give the accomplices the money. However, Nechayev and his accomplices did not have any opportunity to affect the investigation against Nekipelov in any way, but just misled him intending to take the money. This is why the charge is fraud.

Nechayev and his subordinate Kiselyov were detained on 10 August in Moscow by officials of the internal security office of the Federal Security Service while trying to get part of the stipulated sum of 47 thousand US dollars (about 3 million rubles). Nechayev and Kiselyov tried to take off in a car and damaged the FSS car.

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At the present time, a court has ruled to remand all three of the accused in custody pending trial. The investigation is ongoing.

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