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## **Tree, including two police officers, held in Saint-Petersburg on suspicion of gang specialized on night club crimes**



The Saint-Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigation in crimes under parts 1,2 and 3 of article 210, part 2 of article 162, paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 4 of article 158 of the RF Penal Code (organization of a criminal community and membership in it, robbery, theft).

According to investigators, in 2011, Yuri Rakh, CEO of OOO RosEco, set up a criminal community which acted in Saint-Petersburg until October 2014. He involved in the gang at least 30 people to commit crimes against clients of night clubs controlled by the gangsters. In accordance with the roles in the gang, young women found men and lured them in one of night clubs. Then their accomplices learned their credit card PIN-codes, rendered those men defenseless, and stole from them their credit cards and cell phones. They withdrew money from their credit cards for allegedly provided services and expensive alcohol. After that the victims were thrown outside.

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25 criminal cases over stealing over 10 million rubles are joined to form a single law suit. According to the investigators, there are several hundreds of victims and 25 people are under investigation, 6 of them were remanded in custody.

On 8 September 2015, during investigative and search operations, the investigators together with officials of the Saint-Petersburg and Leningrad Region Main Office of the Russian Ministry of the Interior and Office of the Federal Security Service detained: senior operative officers of the Economic Security and Anti-Corruption Department of Vsevolzhsk District Office of The Interior Ministry Magomed Parizhev, operative office of the crime detection department of the 2<sup>nd</sup> police station for Admiralteysky district of Saint-Petersburg Maxim Salmanov and former operative officer of the crime detection department of the 28<sup>th</sup> police station for the Central district of Saint-Petersburg David Gasishvili, who introduced himself as a bailiff during the questioning.

According to the investigators, Parizhev, Salmanov and Gasishvili had stable criminal connection with the organizers and members of the gang for a long time and patronized the gang for regular fee, by warning them about check-ups, pressing other police officers and victims, illegally refusing to open criminal investigations, actively counteracting to investigation.

Charges and custodial restraint for Parizhev, Salmanov and Gasishvili are expected soon. The investigation is ongoing.

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