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## **Group of local residents to stand trial in Tatarstan for setting up and membership in criminal community**



The Tatarstan investigating bodies of the Russia's Investigative Committee have finished a criminal investigation against 37-year-old Denis Ulyev, 35-year-old Vasily Krivoruchko, 45-year-old Sergey Yeretnov, former Chief of police station No 1 Avtozavodsky of Naberezhnye Chelny Office of the Russian Ministry of the Interior 46-year-old Aday Tlegenov, former officials of administrations of Central and Avtozavodsky districts of the town of Naberezhnye Chelny 31-year-old Daniyar Gumerov and 38-year-old Ilmir Mingarayev. Depending on the role of each one they are charged with crimes under parts 1,2 and 3 of article 210 of the RF Penal Code (organization of a criminal community or membership in it), paragraphs "a" and "b" of part 2 of article 171.2 (illegal gambling), parts 3 and 4 of article 159 (fraud), parts 3,5 and 6 of article 290 (bribery), part 1 of article 285 (abuse of office).

According to investigators, in July 2011, Ulyev, set up a criminal community for illegal gambling in the town of Naberezhnye Chelny and Tukayevsky District and involved in it some of his

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acquaintances. Ulyev controlled activity of the criminal community and if there conflicts handled them with the individuals involved in the criminal circles of the town. Yeretnov, who was a deputy of the Naberezhnye Chelny town council, used his connections in the power circles and among businessmen to purchase buildings for gambling on profitable conditions. Krivoruchko found security guards and figureheads to register the buildings on them. Paramonov and Nuretdinov looked for people who could lead gambling, attracted new gamblers and counted the profit. Tlegenov, while being the Chief of Avtozavodsky police station, patronized the activity of the gang. Officials of district administrations Gumerov and Mingarayev were members of groups checking illegal gambling businesses and warned other members of the gang about checks.

The investigators have revealed that illegal gambling went on in over two dozens of underground joints in the town of Naberezhnye Chelny and Tukayevsky District. Over 3 thousand units of equipment were used for gambling. The criminals made at least 100 million rubles of profit. The activity of the community and the community itself was broken off in April 2014 during well-organized investigative and search operations.

Except for Mingarayev, nobody of the detainees pleaded guilty. A court has ruled to remand Ulyev, Gumerov and Tlegenov in custody pending trial. Yeretnov is under house arrest. Krivoruchko and Mingarayev were released on recognizance. The investigators have done a lot of work. They questioned 118 witnesses, carried out over 40 searches and confiscations, ran 22 forensic inquiries, including accounting ones, assessing, medical and psychiatric ones. There are 73 volumes of criminal records.

The investigators have enough evidence, so the criminal case with the approved indictment has been sent to court to be tried on the merits.

Besides, the court has sentenced Kosinov and Nuretdinov, who made deals with investigators, to 5 and 4 years and 10 months of probation respectively. Investigative and search operations are underway to track down Paramonov.

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