
Tax evasion case opened against one of defendants in Admiral shopping center fire case



The Tatarstan investigating bodies of the Russia’s Investigative Committee during the investigation in the fire in the Admiral shopping center which claimed 19 lives, have opened a criminal investigation against of the defendants, Director of OOO Zarya, which was the leaseholder of the Admiral shopping center, 31-year-old Guseyn Gakhramanov. He is suspected of a crime under paragraph “b” of part 2 of article 199 of the RF Penal Code (tax evasion on a very large scale).

According to investigators, as OOO Zarya used simplified tax system, its proceeds could not exceed 64 million rubles a year, and the rent collected from businessmen reached about 20 million rubles a month. Gakhramanov ordered to register on workers of Zarya 4 firms: OOO Armada, OOO Admiral, OOO Arkada and OOO Brig which received the proceeds from rent of shops in the shopping center. As a result, the Zarya’s turnover did not exceed the limit set by the Russian Tax Code. This way, illegally using the simplified tax system between October 2013 and December

2014, Gakhramanov evaded to payover 12.8 million rubles of VAT and income tax.

Gakhramanov refused to testify, a court has ruled to place him in custody pending trial.

Earlier Gakhramanov under the investigation in the fire in the Admiral shopping center entailing death of people was charged with crimes under part 3 of article 219 of the RF Penal Code (violation of fire safety) and part 3 of article 238 (unsafe works). There is also an ongoing investigation against him over a crime under article 315 of the RF Penal Code (failure to execute a judicial decision or any other judicial act).

In all, there are 14 people under investigation of the Admiral shopping center fire case. In addition to Gakhramanov, there are his deputies Nikolai Kayekin and Gyulguseyn Nadzhafov, resident of Board of Directors of AS Management Alexey Semin, CEO of OAO Investment Construction Company and AS Management Rovert Khayrullin, head of inter-district bailiffs' office for special enforcement proceedings of Tatarstan Office of the Federal Bailiffs' Service Zhanna Alparova, former executor Minzilya Safina, specialists of the State Construction Surveillance Inspectorate Galiya Isayeva and Roman Yudin, and five workers Nail and Niyaz Gabdulkhayev, Firdinat Uldanov, Albert Khalikov and Fanis Mukhametkhanov.

Investigative operations are underway to get and consolidate the evidence. The investigation is ongoing.

16 September 2015

Page address: <https://en.sledcom.ru/news/item/968664>