
Defendants of investigation in stealing of money allocated to court department to pay for translation services detained



The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee continues investigation in stealing of money allocated to offices of the court department of Moscow and Moscow Region from the federal budget to pay for the services provided by translators. During this probe, former head of the office of the Moscow Region court department Valery Kuzmich and his former finance deputy Yevghenia Titova have been detained in Belorussia. A warrant to prosecute them as the accused of a crime under article 159 of the RF Penal Code had been issued before and a court had ruled to remand them in custody pending trial. At present, the Investigative Committee together with the Prosecutor General's Office is taking measures to extradite them to Russia for investigation.

The charges of a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud) has already been pressed against head of the Moscow office of the court department Vyacheslav Lipezin, his deputy Lyubov Lopatina, former deputy Igor Kudryavtsev and founder of OOO Rabikon-K Tatyana Poroskun and CEO of the firm Umar Zarobekov. In addition, there is a warrant to prosecute as the accused founder of OOO Rabikon-K Iraida Landarenko, who is currently hiding in the USA and wanted.

According to investigators, the management of OOO Rabikon-K for a long time filed with offices of

Moscow and Moscow region court departments forged court decisions of paying the services of translators. As a result, over 500 million rubles was stolen from the budget of the Russian Federation in 2013-2014 alone. Sarobekov and Kudryavtsev, who had been Lipezin's deputy, and currently is an employee with OOO Rabikov-K, had prepared and passed on the documents. In their turn, Kuzmich, Titova, Lipezin and Lopatina used their positions to ensure that the payment was effected without proper checks and that the money was transferred to the accounts of the firm.

Zarobekov pleaded guilty and made a deal with the investigators. Over 80 translators were questioned and confirmed the falsification of documents. In addition, the criminal cases are continued to be examined, which results confirm that the payment was effected for no reason. The investigators continue looking into all the counts of the crime and assessing the damage.

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