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## **CEO of commercial firm detained in Saint Petersburg during investigation in attempted VAT grand fraud**



The Saint Petersburg Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee is investigating a criminal case over a crime under part 3 of article 30, part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (attempted murder).

According to investigators, members of an organized group in 2014, attempted a fraud by illegal compensation of over 180 million rubles of VAT on a grand scale. Their scheme was as follows: they bought metal scrap and transported it abroad disguised as high-tech alloy at overstate price and using forged documents. The Russian budget compensates for VAT for export of high-tech alloys, while metal scrap is liable to 18% VAT and no compensation. The perpetrators acted in Saint Petersburg, Moscow and in the towns that had metal scrap works – Samara and Saransk. Over 20 searches have been conducted, Investigators confiscated documents and electronic data carriers that contain information on the crime.

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It has to be noted that according to preliminary data, the accomplices used the scheme since 2010, so the worth of the stolen funds from the budget is now estimated at over 3 billion rubles. The organizer of the criminal group – CEO of ZAO Bazis Vladislav Glumov was detained on 27 October 2015. Charges and arrest are expected soon.

The crime was revealed with immediate assistance of officers of the Saint Petersburg and Leningrad Region Office of the Russian Federal Security Service.

The investigative Committee continues actively fighting illegal VAT compensation. This way, in Saint Petersburg alone in 2015, 5 criminal investigations were opened against members of organized criminal groups and stealing of over 500 million rubles from the budget was prevented.

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