
Charges pressed against former head of Moscow Region office of justice department Valery Kuzmich



Former head of the Moscow Region office of justice department Valery Kuzmich has been extradited from Belorussia under the investigation in stealing money allocated to the Moscow and Moscow Region offices of the justice department from the federal budget to pay for the services of translators. The Main Investigations Directorate of the Russia's Investigative Committee charged him with a crime under part 4 of article 159 of the RF Penal Code (fraud on a grand scale) and placed him in custody.

In addition, the seminal charges have been pressed against former head of Moscow Office of the justice department Veyacheslav Lipezin, his deputy Lyubov Lopatina, former deputy Igor Kudryavtsev and founder of OOO Rabikon K Tatyana Poroskun, CEO Umar Zarobekov and managers Lyubov Shakova and Svetlana Yechina. 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 former deputy head of Moscow Region office of the justice department Yevghenia Titova. Both Landarenko and Titova are wanted. Titova was detained in Belorussia and Belorussian side decided to extradite her to Russia.

Poroskun, Kudryavtsev and Shashkova are in custody, Lipezin, Lopatina and Zarobekov are under house arrest.

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. Zarobekov and Kudryavtsev, who had been Lipezin's deputy, and currently is an employee with OOO Rabikon-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.

Besides, the Main Investigations Directorate has opened another criminal investigation against Lipezin over a crime under part 1 of article 292 of the RF Penal Code (forgery). According to investigators, in 2014, Lipezin illegally made and issued a certificate of employment of an official of Moscow office of the justice department to a representative of a commercial firm.

The investigation is ongoing.

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