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Cop Held in $700,000 Bribe

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A Moscow investigator was arrested red-handed accepting a $700,000 bribe to close a case against a Muscovite charged with computer hacking and large-scale fraud, an Investigative Committee spokesman said Wednesday, Interfax reported.

Vladimir Akimov was detained Tuesday while accepting a 1.5 million ruble ($49,800) installment of the bribe from the Muscovite, the spokesman said, without identifying the victim or elaborating on the status of the charges against him.

Akimov faces up to 10 years in prison on fraud charges because he falsely told the Muscovite that he could close the case, the news report said.

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