

Police General in Meat Heist

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A senior Interior Ministry official, Major General Vladimir Cheishvili, was detained in Moscow and charged with abuse of authority over what investigators said was a 12 million ruble (\$380,000) theft during purchases of meat for the police, Interfax reported Wednesday.

Hortsi, a company accused of involvement in the swindle, received contracts worth a combined 212 million rubles from police last year, the report said. More people may be charged, a spokesman for the Investigative Committee said.

The probe was begun on orders from Deputy Interior Minister Sergei Gerasimov shortly after his appointment in February, Gazeta.ru reported.

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