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Dead Clients' Money Stolen

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Two Sberbank and two Pension Fund employees were sentenced to three years' imprisonment for stealing 9.5 million rubles ($296 million) from dead clients' accounts, Interfax reported.

The criminal case was opened in 2010 following a check, conducted by Sberbank's security service, which revealed that employees of the bank's Meshchansky district outlet and Pension Fund employees illegally withdrew money from dead clients' accounts in 2009.

All of them made use of Sberbank and Pension Fund databases to obtain direct access to the clients' accounts. The money was withdrawn from these accounts with the use of false passport details.

The prosecutor at Meshchansky Court demanded that the suspects be sentenced to five years in jail and be fined 9.6 million rubles in favor of the victims. All four pleaded guilty and repented.

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