

Member of Krasnoyarsk Administration Charged With Stealing \$1M

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Krasnoyarsk head of industry and energy Denis Pashkov

The head of the industry and energy department for Krasnoyarsk region Denis Pashkov has been charged with embezzling more than 29 million rubles (\$1 million) from the regional budget, the Investigative Committee said in a statement Monday.

Over a period from 2008 to 2010, Pashkov acted together with transport-equipment manufacturer Sibtyazhmash former general director Pavel Lusnikov in a scheme to receive 29 million rubles in state subsidies for the company. The pair apparently deceived the regional investment council into granting Sibtyazhmash the requested funds, then stole them, investigators said.

Lusnikov was found dead in a hot tub in July, apparently having died from alcohol poisoning, local investigators told Rossia television at the time. Days before his death, a criminal case had been opened against Lusnikov, who had been accused of non-payment of 26 million rubles in taxes.

Sibtyzhmash was declared bankrupt in May.

Pashkov has worked in the Krasnoyarsk administration since 2003 and in his current position as head of the industry and energy department in the region since 2010. Investigators said his temporary suspension from the job would be sought in connection with the charges.

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