

Prosecutors Find No Violations in Parole Denial for Lebedev

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Lebedev, right, in court in 2009. **Maxim Stulov**

An appeal regarding a parole request by Platon Lebedev, the former business partner of jailed oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, has been rejected by Arkhangelsk prosecutors.

Lebedev's lawyers had filed an appeal to prosecutors in the northern region where the former Bank Menatep head is imprisoned asking to determine whether legal violations had been committed in an earlier court decision rejecting a parole request by Lebedev. His lawyers also filed a complaint regarding the actions of certain employees of the prosecutor's office.

Arkhangelsk prosecutor's office spokeswoman Yulia Shevchenko told RIA-Novosti that there were no grounds for reviewing the decision rejecting his parole request or for investigating the employees implicated by Lebedev's lawyers.

Lebedev and Khodorkovsky are serving prison terms for convictions on charges of embezzlement and money laundering and are scheduled to be released in 2016.

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