

Top-Earning Cop Made 9 Times More Than Nurgaliyev in 2011

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Viktor Grigorov, head of the secretive Bureau of Special Technical Events, was the top earner among police officials in 2011, taking home 28.3 million rubles (\$962,000) last year, or more than nine times what Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev made.

Grigorov also owns a 186-square-meter home and a 31.6-square-meter home and he owns a 128-square-meter apartment together with his wife, according to police income declarations published Wednesday on the Interior Ministry's website. He also owns an Audi A6 automobile. He said his wife earned 6 million rubles and owns a 100-square-meter apartment.

According to the income declarations of Cabinet officials published last month, Nurgaliyev made 3.1 million rubles last year, while his wife made just over 1 million rubles.

The division Grigorov heads is "the most secret" in the police, RIA-Novosti reported last year. Among its targets is cyber crime, including theft using electronic payments, computer viruses

and hacking, as well as the illegal distribution of certain technologies.

Grigorov's 2011 earnings were the highest ever declared by a police official, topping those of former Leningrad region top cop Vladislav Piotrovsky for 2009, when he made 23.7 million rubles, Interfax reported.

The second-highest earner among police last year was Far East Federal District transportation police head Vasily Volkov, who made 17.5 million rubles in 2011. He said he owns a 74-square-meter apartment, a Nissan Qashqai, two trailers and a motorboat.

In third place in terms of income level was deputy transportation police head Andrei Andreyev, who earned 7.5 million rubles last year. He declared ownership of a 130-squaremeter apartment and a 101-square-meter apartment. He did not say he owned a car.

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