

Lecturer Fined 2.4M Rubles for Taking 2,000-Ruble Bribe

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A court in Vladivostok has saddled a lecturer from the Far Eastern Federal University with a hefty fine for accepting a bribe from a student suspected of cheating on her diploma paper, prosecutors in the Primorye region said.

The court handed down a 2.4-million ruble (\$74,000) fine and banned him from holding administrative positions in teaching institutions for three years, the regional prosecutor's office said, Interfax reported Monday.

The lecturer was a member of the university's certification panel and simultaneously acted as a supervisor for the student. He received an initial 30,000-ruble bribe for turning a blind eye to evidence that the student had cheated on her diploma paper.

He also gave the student a positive job reference and gave his written approval for her paper to be considered by the certification panel.

The lecturer was detained by Federal Security Service officials while receiving a further 30,000 rubles of the bribe.

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