

Moscow Anti-Corruption Security Officer Detained for Fraud

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An officer in the anti-corruption unit of the Russian police has been detained on suspicion of fraud, Moscow's Investigative Committee website reported Friday.

The senior security officer from the Chief Directorate of Economic Security and Combating Corruption had allegedly received 3.5 million rubles (\$54,600) in September and October for deliberately failing to detect irregularities in a commercial firm's financial and economic audits.

Along with the officer, the mediator responsible for transferring the money was also detained.

If the court finds the officer guilty, he will be fired from the police force and suffer legal punishment. His superiors will also be subject to disciplinary action, a Moscow police press officer told Interfax news agency.

On Oct. 24, three policemen and a mediator were detained on suspicion of accepting 2.5

million (\$39,000) rubles from a karaoke club owner. In exchange, the police officers allegedly promised the businessman their protection, Russia's Investigative Committee reported at a time.

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