

FSB Arrests Former Top Managers at Explosives Maker Avangard

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Stanislav Shevchuk. vk.com/fkpavangard

Two former executives of the Russian explosives manufacturer Avangard have been arrested on charges of abuse of power and bribery, the RBC news outlet [reported](#) Thursday, citing the Federal Security Service (FSB).

Stanislav Shevchuk, who led the EU-sanctioned state enterprise from November 2023 to October 2024, and his former deputy Mikhail Bogoyavlensky are accused of falsifying documents to claim that a contractor had completed 50.8 million rubles (\$631,000) worth of work, despite having breached an agreement with the company.

The FSB alleges the pair then declined to enforce a bank guarantee that would have protected Avangard financially.

Separately, Bogoyavlensky was charged with soliciting 120 million rubles (\$1.5 million) in bribes in 2023 from a businessman whose company later secured a supply contract with Avangard valued at 1.9 billion rubles (\$23.6 million). Investigators said he received 35 million

rubles (\$435,000) in bribes between late 2023 and January 2025.

Bogoyavlensky now serves as a municipal deputy in the Nizhny Novgorod region.

Avangard, based in the city of Sterlitamak, produces explosives and components for rocket launcher systems used by the Russian military. It was fully [transferred](#) to the state defense conglomerate Rostec in 2022.

Both Shevchuk and the company are [sanctioned](#) by the EU.

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