

Interior Ministry Issues Arrest Warrant for Ex-Chelyabinsk Governor

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Russia's Interior Ministry has issued an arrest warrant for former Chelyabinsk region Governor Boris Dubrovsky, the RBC news website [reported](#) Thursday, though the charges against him have not been disclosed.

Dubrovsky, 66, led the mineral-rich region in the southern Urals from 2014 until stepping down in March 2019. On the eve of his resignation, Russia's Federal Antimonopoly Service [accused](#) him of awarding favorable road construction contracts worth 2.4 billion rubles (\$30 million) to a single company.

In 2019, a prominent lawyer [told](#) state media that a criminal investigation had been launched into Dubrovsky's time in office. The lawyer claimed the former governor was charged with abuse of power and fled to Switzerland.

Dubrovsky [dismissed](#) reports of the investigation as "fake news" and denied fleeing the country, saying he visited his daughter in Switzerland "from time to time."

A metallurgical engineer by training, Dubrovsky previously served as CEO of the Magnitogorsk Iron and Steel Works (MMK), one of Europe's largest steel producers, from 2011 to 2014.

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