

Ex-Officer Gets Suspended Sentence for Selling Police Files to Journalist Nephew

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Andrei Karpov in court. Sverdlovsk Region Prosecutor's Office

A court in Yekaterinburg <u>handed</u> a four-year suspended sentence to a former police officer who admitted to selling confidential criminal reports to his journalist nephew, the court press service said Tuesday.

Andrei Karpov was <u>arrested</u> in June on charges of bribery and abuse of power. Investigators said he gave police briefings containing personal data and pre-trial information to his nephew, Ura.ru news editor Denis Allayarov, in exchange for payment.

Karpov pleaded guilty and requested a special trial, which allowed the case to be resolved without a full examination of evidence.

The Verkh-Isetsky District Court on Tuesday found him guilty and issued a four-year suspended sentence, along with a four-year probation period.

He was also barred from working in law enforcement for three years, stripped of his senior

lieutenant rank and ordered to forfeit 120,000 rubles (\$1,500) that investigators said he received illegally.

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Karpov <u>testified</u> Friday against his nephew Allayarov in a separate bribery case, which remains pending before the same court. No trial date has been set.

Allayarov <u>denies</u> paying for police documents and says he transferred money only to help his grandmother buy food and medicine.

On the same day that Allayarov and two of his colleagues were <u>arrested</u> in June, Ura.ru said police searches had disrupted newsroom operations and involved the seizure of servers, notebooks and staff phones.

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