

Moscow Court Places Prominent Economist Under House Arrest in Bribery Case

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Sergei Sinelnikov-Murylev. **Andrei Lyubimov / Moskva News Agency**

A Moscow judge has placed prominent establishment economist Sergei Sinelnikov-Murylev under house arrest on bribery charges, the RBC news outlet [reported](#) Thursday, citing law enforcement sources.

Sinelnikov-Murylev, 66, is a senior researcher at the Gaidar Institute for Economic Policy and the former president of the Economic Development Ministry's Russian Academy of Foreign Trade.

He received state awards and a presidential commendation in 2018 for contributing to Russia's 2018-24 national development strategy. He also joined the government's expert council in December 2022.

The Zamoskvoretsky District Court reportedly granted the investigation's request to place

Sinelnikov–Murylev under house arrest for two months.

The 66-year-old economist faces up to 15 years in prison if found guilty of receiving a large-scale bribe.

Specific details on the alleged bribe amount or the involved parties have not been [disclosed](#). The Interfax news agency reported that the case material is available on the court's website.

This is Sinelnikov–Murylev's second criminal prosecution in recent years. He was arrested in April 2023, and in March 2025 convicted of large-scale embezzlement and abuse of power, receiving a suspended prison sentence of five and a half years.

Sinelnikov–Murylev served as president, or rector, of the Russian Academy of Foreign Trade from 2007 to 2024, continuing there as chief researcher while also holding senior research roles at the Gaidar Institute.

According to RBC, Sinelnikov–Murylev in 2017 [ranked](#) third among Russia's wealthiest university rectors with an annual income of 53.4 million rubles (\$638,700 at the current exchange rate). He attributed the earnings primarily to research and teaching activities at the time.

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