

Luzhkov's Relative Convicted of Fraud

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Businessman Viktor Baturin, brother of former Mayor Yury Luzhkov's billionaire wife, was handed a three-year suspended sentence Monday for large-scale real estate fraud.

Moscow's Presnensky District Court also slapped Baturin, brother of Yelena Baturina, who heads Inteko developer, with a fine of 300,000 rubles (\$11,000), RIA-Novosti [reported](#).

Baturin was convicted of selling a piece of nonresidential real estate downtown to two different buyers consequently, charging the first, who was not identified, 23 million rubles (\$826,000) and the second, businessman Dmitry Zhuravlyov, another \$1.5 million, the report said.

Baturin had earlier paid \$3 million to the alleged victims, but pleaded not guilty. He has also said the case was fabricated due to his ties to Luzhkov, but did not elaborate, Rapsi.ru [reported](#). Nevertheless, he called the verdict "fair in general" and said he would not appeal.

The property, located in a building on 2nd Tverskaya-Yamskaya Ulitsa, is currently arrested in a pending lawsuit by Baturin's ex-wife, musical producer Yana Rudkovskaya, who is seeking partition of the property.

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