

Gold Extracting Trick

- (1) A Russian couple duped an elderly man into paying them more than \$1.5 million to extract gold from his land by “using magic,” Russian police said on Friday.
- (2) The couple was arrested a week ago.
- (3) In the couple’s defense, the husband has claimed he was a professional magician in Estonia.
- (4) A Police spokesman said that the couple easily deceived the lowly old man into believing that they could retrieve large amounts of gold from his 5 acre property with the help of magic.
- (5) In the course of three years, the old man has forked over \$1.5 million, in hopes that his money would double or even triple.
- (6) As the old man’s wife is stricken with a rare illness, he wanted to produce as much money as possible to get her the best possible treatment in Russia.
- (7) The arrested couple is now awaiting prosecution.
- (8) The police have not stated whether the old man will be reimbursed or not.

語注

- (1) dupe だます
- (3) defense 弁護
- (4) lowly 身分の低い retrieve 取り出す
- (5) in the course of …の間に fork over 多額の金を払う
- (7) prosecution 起訴
- (8) reimburse 返済する、補償する