

## **The case against Ināra Vilkaste's 76-year-old housekeeper will be reviewed in court**

**On Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March Riga City Vidzeme District Court will hold an open court sitting at 12noon where the case against the 76-year-old housekeeper will be examined. The case revolves around the fact that the housekeeper got scared at the time when the representatives of the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau (KNAB) came knocking on the door dressed in civilian clothing in order to once again search the premises, informs the sworn attorney-in-law Aivars Bērziņš.**

The charges are pressed in accordance with the clause number 296 of the Criminal Law which concerns intentional delaying of an execution of court orders or decisions, and, in essence, only applies to state officials. □

“The housekeeper, being aware of the previous attacks on Mrs. Vilkaste's family, got scared and did not let strangers dressed in civilian clothing inside the house. She has in no way delayed the execution of the court order, which is what the Prosecutor Office claims to be the case. She simply refused to let in people who had no claim of being in the house,” Bērziņš explains.

The first instance court has been examining this case for 4 years already. It has taken too long, because the witnesses are employees of KNAB and they are missing the court hearings, allegedly due to valid reasons.