

Vice-President of a Territorial Party Organization, investigated by the NAC and APO, sentenced to 4 years in prison



The Chisinau Court, Buiucani, has pronounced the sentence of conviction against the vice-president of the Rîșcani territorial organization of a former political party, for committing the crime of complicity in knowingly accepting financing of the political party from an organized criminal group.

The court imposed a sentence of 4 years in prison in a semi-closed penitentiary, as well as the mandatory complementary punishment of deprivation of the right to exercise activities related to accounting and financial organization within political parties, as well as deprivation of membership in political parties, for a period of 5 years. The preventive measure - preventive arrest and the search file for her - was maintained. At the same time, the confiscation of over 544,000 lei from the defendant's account for the benefit of the state was ordered, representing funds used to commit the crime.

According to the evidence administered by the National Anti-corruption Centre, jointly with the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office and the Information and Security Service, the defendant, during the period July - October 2022, acting as vice president of the Rîșcani territorial organization of the political party, allegedly coordinated the activities of the organization, knowing that the respective party was financed by an organized criminal group.

Thus, during the aforementioned period, in complicity with the party leadership, including the vice presidents, the treasurer and the couriers responsible for transporting the funds, she contributed to the acceptance of illicit financing, providing indications, information and resources to support the party's activities.

In such circumstances, the defendant would have accepted through complicity the financing of the party from illicit sources, in the amount of over 544,000 lei, originating from the organized criminal group. This financing was used for the party's activities, with the aim of promoting its political interests and obtaining power in the state through illegal means.

The sentence is not final, it can be contested by appeal to the Chisinau Court of Appeal within 15 days. The state prosecutor is to decide whether to contest it.

Note: The person accused of committing a crime shall be presumed innocent as long as his guilt is not established by a final court decision.