

# **The man investigated by NAC and APO for influence peddling has ended up in the dock. He allegedly demanded 60,000 euros to intervene in a criminal case**



**The Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office has completed the criminal prosecution and sent to the court, for examination on the merits, the criminal case in which a man is accused of committing the crime of influence peddling.**

The criminal case was initiated in August this year by the Anti-corruption Prosecutor's Office, and according to the evidence jointly administered with the National Anti-corruption Centre, the accused allegedly demanded 60,000 euros from a person accused of committing the crime of passive corruption, claiming that he could influence the criminal investigation body and persons with public dignity to remove him from criminal prosecution.

Of the total amount claimed, he allegedly received 25,000 euros, in exchange for a promise to prevent the issuance of a new detention order and the initiation of other criminal cases on behalf of the person from whom he allegedly received the money.

The accused did not admit his guilt, and the case was sent for examination on the merits to the Chisinau Court, Buiucani headquarters.

Currently, the accused is in preventive detention and if found guilty of committing the crime of trading in influence, he risks a fine of 150,000 to 200,000 lei or imprisonment of 2 to 7 years, with deprivation of the right to exercise a certain activity.

Note: A person accused of committing a crime shall be presumed innocent until proven guilty by a final court decision.