# An unofficial courier of a political party was sentenced to 4 years in prison

The Chisinau Court, Buiucani, found a courier who was unofficially working in the interests of a political party guilty of providing means or instruments to knowingly accept financing of the political party from an organized criminal group.

The court set a sentence of 4 years in prison, with the execution of the sentence in a semi-closed penitentiary, with the deprivation of the right to hold positions within political parties for a period of 4 years.

Until the final sentence is rendered, the preventive measure - preventive arrest - was maintained for the defendant.

At the same time, the court ordered the special confiscation of the defendant's account for the benefit of the state of the amount of 1,500,000 lei and 41,100 dollars.

According to the evidence accumulated by the National Anti-corruption Centre, jointly with the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office, the accused, acting according to a criminal scheme established in advance and coordinated in advance with vice-presidents of the political party, acting unofficially as a courier, allegedly sent from a bag containing several bags of money to the secretary and vice-president of the territorial organization of the political party in the Rîșcani sector of Chișinău municipality a bag with the amount of 1,500,000 lei. Subsequently, they divided the money into smaller amounts and sent it to the representatives of the territorial organization and primary organizations of the party in the Rîșcani territorial office.

According to the same scheme, the accused allegedly sent the vice-president of the Balti territorial office of the political party funds in the total amount of 41,100 dollars, equivalent to 788,709 lei, money intended for paying the people mobilized by the Balti territorial organization of the party to participate in the protests organized by the political party in the Chisinau municipality, including in tents. Subsequently, the money was divided into smaller amounts and sent to the coordinators of the primary organizations of the party in the Balti territorial office.

Note: A person accused of committing a crime shall be presumed innocent until his guilt is established by a final court decision.