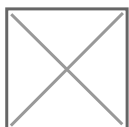


A lawyer from Chisinau is being investigated by the NAC for influence peddling. He allegedly demanded 10,000 euros for the release of a prisoner



Officers of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC), together with prosecutors from the Chisinau Municipal Prosecutor's Office, carried out criminal investigations today into a case of influence peddling.

According to the materials collected, a lawyer from Chisinau is suspected of having demanded and accepted financial means totaling 10,000 euros from the relatives of a convict, claiming that he would have influence over persons with public positions and that he could determine them to adopt a favorable solution regarding his release from detention.

According to the evidence administered, the suspect allegedly stated that he could intervene with decision-makers to influence the examination of the case and the issuance of a favorable decision for the benefit of the convict.

Currently, the NAC officers continue criminal investigation actions to establish all the circumstances of the case, identify any persons involved and fully document the facts investigated.

We remind that every person shall benefit from the presumption of innocence and is considered innocent until a final court decision is rendered.

Investigations into this case continue.