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Serhiy Duka and 2.4 million USDT: what the SAP said about the lifting of the seizure in the U420 case

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Editorial photomontage. Serhiy Duka; cryptocurrency symbols and documents do not represent a real wallet or evidence. Portrait reference: Slidstvo.Info — owner of a house in Roslavychi and connections, 04.11.2026.

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What the prosecutor said

According to the report, Karas described Duka’s contacts with Andriy Osipov, his facilitation of communication with other law enforcement officers, and his alleged assistance in lifting the seizure of the cryptocurrency. The investigation’s theory links these actions to the abuse of official powers. Duka himself stated his intention to cooperate with the investigation and to defend his case. The parties’ positions as

reported by journalists.

The history of contacts is examined in Osipov's case file...but this financial aspect requires its own documentation. Who applied for the seizure to be lifted, who made the decision, on what grounds, and what happened to the assets afterwards — these form a separate chain of questions.

2.4 million and nearly 4 million — different figures

In an official statement dated 5 November, the National Police reported the seizure of nearly 4 million USDT and 416 business accounts as part of the investigation into the U420 network. The police report describes the aggregate result. The court report regarding 2.4 million relates to a separate incident discussed by the SAP prosecutor. Without comparing the dates and court rulings, these sums cannot be considered to represent the same balance. Official report from the National Police.

This distinction is fundamental. The total amount of frozen funds may encompass several assets and court orders, and the lifting of one restriction does not imply the lifting of the others. For digital assets, accuracy is particularly important: the number of tokens, the date of the restriction and the status of the order's enforcement must all correspond with one another.

The court's decision and alleged interference

The lifting of the seizure order is not in itself a criminal offence: the owner or an interested party has the right to challenge the restriction. The subject of the prosecution's allegation is the alleged role of a public official in bringing about the outcome. This must be proven separately from the mere existence of the court

ruling.

USDT is usually used as a dollar-pegged stablecoin; however, the number of tokens should not be unconditionally equated with a sum of cash received by someone. The report does not automatically imply that the money ended up in Duka's personal possession. Such a conclusion would require proven movement of the asset and an identified recipient.

Why this development is significant for the 'Carthage' case

It shows that, according to the SAP, the alleged corrupt favour may have concerned not only the cover-up of the office but also the fate of assets that had already been frozen. It is precisely the ability to influence the outcome following the intervention of law enforcement agencies that has become the subject of the investigation.

The context regarding public relations and preventive measures is set out in in the report on the bail set for Duka and Tsenov, and the story of Burkin is in a separate file. The sum of 2.4 million USDT must remain linked to the specific statement by the prosecutor and the corresponding judicial episode. The final conclusion regarding Duka's role will depend on the evidence and its assessment by the court.

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