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How some civil servants get away from cases of high-level corruption

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In 2016 and 2017, several cases of high-level corruption were brought to court. The cases described below were disposed of with the application of Article 364[1] of the Criminal Procedure Code, which provides for a commutation of prison term by 1/3 and of fine by 1/4 in case of admission of guilt.

In all cases, the judges applied the minimal penalties provided by the Criminal Code, which they subsequently reduced according to Article 364[1] of the Criminal Procedure Code.

In none of the discussed cases, the person has not been convicted of imprisonment with execution.

In three out of the four cases, after pleading guilty, the convicted persons were released from custody on judicial control.

In three out of the four cases, the courts published anonymized versions of their decisions. Only in one case, two decisions – one of the trial court and one of the Supreme Court of Justice – were published in full, whereas the published version of the appellate court decision was also anonymized.

The infographic can be downloaded here



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