

INFORMATION - SKY AND ANOM CASES WITH CONFIRMED INDICTMENTS

Dragan Gajić at all (7 persons) - action "Golub"

Indictment filed October 24, 2023.

Introduction

An indictment has been issued against seven individuals who are accused of organised crime related to international trafficking of narcotics and other criminal offences. The unlawfully obtained property gain is estimated to exceed BAM 1 million.

Name(s) of accused person(s)

1. Dragan Gajić, born in 1987 in Nikšić, citizen of Montenegro
2. Blaženko Rašević, born in 1978 in Sarajevo, citizen of BiH and Serbia
3. Žarko Joknić, born in 1977 in Foča, citizen of BiH
4. Vlatko Blažević, born in 1975 in Travnik, citizen of BiH and the Republic of Croatia
5. Nikola Jovančić, born in 1990 in Slovenia, citizen of BiH
6. Šaban Kudo, born on 1969 in Foča, citizen of BiH, police officer of the BiH Border Police
7. Selvedin Selimović, born in 1976 in Zenica, citizen of BiH

Indictment

The accused are facing charges for their involvement in an organised criminal group, allegedly led by Gajić, operating between 2019 and 2022. Utilising encrypted communication through SKY ECC applications, they purportedly orchestrated illegal activities, chiefly the international smuggling of substantial quantities of marijuana from Montenegro into Bosnia and Herzegovina. With the assistance of the accused Šaban Kudo, an officer of the BiH Border Police, the narcotic drugs were transported to BiH across both official border crossings and illegal routes. The BiH Prosecutor's Office, alongside law enforcement partners, managed to uncover the codes and usernames utilised by the accused on secure applications. The primary smuggling route was identified to be in the municipality of Gacko in BiH. Additionally, a member of the Border Police of BiH is accused of corruption, aiding the criminal group by monitoring and facilitating drug smuggling activities. After entry into Bosnia and Herzegovina, the drugs were allegedly stored and further transported for smuggling into Croatia and EU countries. It's alleged that the accused managed to smuggle at least 3,700 kg of marijuana, with 1,200 kg seized in various operations, resulting in an estimated unlawful property gain of at least EUR 554,850 or BAM 1,081,957.

Accused criminal offences

Organised Crime (Article 250 of the Criminal Code of BiH), in conjunction with the criminal offences of Illicit Trafficking in Narcotic Drugs (Article 195 of the Criminal Code of BiH), Giving Gifts and Other Forms of Benefit (Article 218 of the Criminal Code of BiH), Accepting Gifts and Other Forms of Benefit (Article 217 of the Criminal Code of BiH), and Arson (Article 302 of the Criminal Code of FBiH) and the criminal offence of Illicit Possession of Weapons or Explosive Substances (Article 371 of the Criminal Code of FBiH), all as read with Article 563 of the Criminal Code of BiH.

Investigation

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The Prosecutor's Office will prove the charges by calling 61 witnesses and experts and submitting more than 350 material pieces of evidence, including evidence obtained through mutual legal assistance.

Court proceedings

Indictment confirmed: November 7, 2023.

Guilty plea: December 13, 2023, all the defendants pleaded not guilty.

Main trial commenced: January 11, 2023.

Case status: Prosecution presents evidence

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