

Director Corneliu Porumboiu and film producer Ada Solomon, indicted by DIICOT (sources)

Director Corneliu Porumboiu and film producer Ada Solomon have been indicted by the Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism (DIICOT) prosecutors for committing tax evasion, establishing an organized criminal group and money laundering, judicial sources told AGERPRES on Monday.

According to the quoted sources, the deeds are older, from the period 2013 - 2015, and are related to financing obtained by several film companies, including Castel Film, from the National Center of Cinematography, part of the money having been laundered through bogus companies.

Corneliu Porumboiu and Ada Solomon are suspects.

Other film directors and producers are also involved in the case.

According to a DIICOT release, in this case investigations are carried out against 100 natural and legal persons, and the damage caused to the state budget being of approximately 9,970,344 lei.

Prosecutors claim that between 2013 and 2015, several companies registered in the accounts and declared for tax purposes several acquisitions of services and goods from companies that had specific behavior to bogus companies (did not operate at the declared offices or workplaces, their administrators could not be identified, the same persons had different qualities within the companies, they did not submit or submitted only partially the fiscal declarations, had foreign citizens who could not be identified on the Romanian territory as associates).

Some of the members of the group were listed as partners or administrators in several companies involved in criminal activity. The invoices issued and subject to control by the tax authorities had the same pattern, they lacked the obligatory mentions related to means of transport or delegate and they concerned services that could not have been provided in reality by the providing companies, DIICOT shows.

The investigations were carried out with the support of the Organized Crime Fight Directorate's judicial police officers.