

Announcement on the Court Ruling to Release Armen Matirosyan

We welcome the Court of Appeals ruling to satisfy the petition against Armen Martirosyan's detention and change the measure of his restraint.

The use of detention as a coercive measure related to holding a person in custody can be considered proportional only in the case when in the course of conducting examination into a criminal case the legal conduct of the given person cannot be guaranteed or secured by other coercive measures not related to holding a person in custody.

In addition, when ruling on imposing detention as a measure of restraint, great importance should be attached to the assessment of the actual probability of committing an offense or escaping by the person, or the actual necessity of ensuring the fulfillment of obligations envisaged by law or court ruling by the person.

Moreover, when assessing the grounds for imposing detention, an individual approach should be used for every individual case, taking into account the degree of alleged involvement of the person in the crime, considering his/her private and family life circumstances, etc.

When considering the issues of holding a person in custody, the above mentioned criteria should become an integral part of Armenia's legal field and be applied at full as an established and unalterable practice.