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JUSTICE

CBD case: provisional freedom denied to the young accused for the third time

The detainee maintains, from the first moment, that it is CBD and not a narcotic substance



The Justice building

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The Batllia d'Andorra denied on Monday, for the third time, the request for immediate provisional release of A.V.C., a young man arrested last September 30th and accused of an alleged crime of cannabis trafficking. The arrested person, in provisional prison since September, declared that what he was carrying was CBD and not cannabis, as the Andorran Police recorded in the report of that day.

Even so, official sources close to the case and consulted by EL PERIÒDIC, confirmed to this medium that «the request for provisional release has been denied

for the third time because from Batllia they state that there is a presence of THC in the confiscated substance», on which, until now, the sources declare that they have not wanted to specify in what percentage, since Andorra allows the sale of products with CBD that contain up to 0.2% of THC. In addition, in the letter that sources close to the accused have received from Batllia, the denial of the request is maintained due to «the seriousness of the criminal acts and the risk of escape that exists for this particular case».

However, the first request for provisional release on December 15th, with a resolution denied, was appealed on January

8th this year, with a negative result as well, justified by «a risk of obstruction of justice». With regard to the second request that the defense presented to the Bat-

The Batllia claims that THC is present in the confiscated sample, but it is not confirmed in what percentage

The detainee has been in pre-trial detention since last September, awaiting the relevant analyzes of the sample

llia, which took place on February 5th and which aimed, once again, to obtain the provisional release of the detainee, it was also denied «due to the short period that elapsed between the requests». Finally, the third request took place on April 8th, in which immediate provisional release was requested or, at the very least, conditional release «upon the fulfillment of certain obligations», this resolution maintains. Currently, according to sources close to the case, new ways are being considered in order to obtain the provisional release of the alleged perpetrator of a drug trafficking crime, or to get Batllia to agree to carry out an analysis of the intercepted sample last September at the border of the Runer river.

THE INTERVENTION OF THE ANDORRAN POLICE // For its part, the Andorran Police have stated, in evidence, that they have evidence of the report of the arrest of A.V.C. as the alleged perpetrator of a crime against public health, which took place on Saturday, September 30th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. on the border of the Runer River, as official sources have told this medium. Also, according to the same sources, the report includes the seizure of a sample of 565 grams of a substance that the police force calls marijuana, which the person involved was carrying in the spare wheel, in the trunk of the vehicle. ●

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Government denies that it has been admitted to investigate the elections in Strasbourg

The minister's spokesperson explains that they have not received any notification

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Last Wednesday, the Minister of Environment, Agriculture and Livestock, and Government spokesman, Guillem Casal, denied that the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) had agreed to introduce the investigation into possible rigging in the general elections of the last year. Casal defended that «when the court admits a claim, it notifies to the two parties involved and, until now, the Government has not received any kind of communication». However, the spo-



The headquarters of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

kesman explained that the information about the start of the procedure, which some media in the country echoed on Monday, is not a statement of acceptance, but that «in any case, they have sent to the plaintiff a receipt and not a document confirming acceptance of your dossier», however, «this notificati-

on of receipt does not prejudice anything».

Along these lines, Casal stated that, for all that, the Government «has taken the decision to make this clarification». Regarding the statement issued by the ECHR, Casal insisted on the fact that when the European body admits a complaint of

these characteristics, in addition to informing the two parties - if the procedure is accepted -, it can send a resolution - in the event of a delay - to the claimant through a proof of receipt of the claim. However, this matter has nothing to do with the acceptance of starting an investigation, since this accusation does not enter into the assessment of factual or legal elements of the demand, «rather it is a simple justification according to which the Court has received the demand».

Last Monday, the complainant lawyer, Emili Campos, explained that she has transferred the complaint to European authorities because she «exhausted all the legal channels in my country without success», in order to find a solution to the complaint filed by an alleged molestation in the last general elections. ●

The Executive will do what is necessary to get to «the bottom of the matter» with the case of the Peruvian workers

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The minister's spokesperson, Guillem Casal, reaffirmed the Government's will to get to the «heart of the matter» with the case of the Peruvian workers who were «abandoned» by the contracting company. «We are

working around this situation and we are willing to collaborate to find out the facts that have occurred», answered Casal when asked about the latest advances in the investigation. In this sense, the minister spokesperson stated that last Friday a meeting took place between the Secretary of State for Economy,

Work and Housing, Jordi Puy; representatives of the Ministry of Justice and Interior, and the representative of the Peruvians in Andorra, Lorenzo Castillo. However, the spokesperson also emphasized that they are working in collaboration with Peru to resolve the case. He also remarked that if from the Executi-



Workers on a construction site in the capital.

ve «we need help from Peruvian organizations, we will ask for it». Finally, Casal defended that «if it is necessary to take a step further, we will». ●

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