

Prosecutor's Office of the Republic  
Of the Court of Milan

**Decree by which it is ordered to proceed to a  
PRESS CONFERENCE**  
[legal citations]

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The Prosecutor of the Republic

In connection with the escape from house arrest of Russian citizen Artem USS, informs the following.

In these hours, the Carabinieri of the Milan Provincial Command, in the Province of Brescia and in foreign territory (Slovenia and Croatia), coordinated by the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic at the Court of Milan, are giving execution, in collaboration with Eurojust and the U.S. authorities, to an order of pre-trial detention in prison issued by the Milan GIP [Preliminary investigative judge] against **6 subjects** (1 Italian of Bosnian origin and 5 foreigners located abroad), **seriously suspected of the crimes of escape and procured escape in complicity, with the aggravating factor of a transnational crime.**

The measure stems from the findings of an articulated activity of investigation initiated by the Milan Investigative Unit on March 22, 2023, following the following **the escape of Russian citizen Artem Aleksandrovich USS** (also a recipient of the same measure), restricted to house arrest with an electronic bracelet at a house in the town of Basiglio (MI), pending extradition to the U.S.

The man had been arrested the previous Oct. 17 at Milan-Malpensa airport, in execution of an arrest warrant issued on 09/26/2022 by the U.S. Department of Justice, for the crimes of criminal conspiracy to defraud the state, criminal conspiracy for violation of the *International Economic Power Act*, criminal conspiracy for the commission of bank fraud, association in money laundering, punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment.

The investigations, developed with traditional investigative methodologies along with significant technical acts, also made use of both the channels of international police cooperation, forwarded through Europol, and the channels of international judicial cooperation activated through rogatory letters with some foreign judicial

authorities and, finally, of the constant confrontation and exchange of information with U.S. investigative and judicial bodies and, in particular, **with the Office of International Affairs of the Department of Justice and with the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York.** [emphasis added].

The investigation activities allowed, in a short time, to identify the five members of the group that materially facilitated the escape of USS across the Slovenian border, also reconstructing the route taken by the suspects through the use of four cars.

In addition, a series of inspections, carried out in the months prior to the escape, aimed at finalizing the escape plan and the route to be followed.

It was possible, finally, to identify a network of flankers of different nationalities, on whom further investigations are still under way.

That being stated;

Noting the gravity and particular public relevance of the facts, which have raised notable media clamor since the moment of the escape;

Considering that there are specific reasons of public interest for the correct provided correct information about what happened;

For these reasons

Arrange to hold a press conference on the above facts for 10:00 a.m. of tomorrow, **December 6, 2023**, at the meeting room of the Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Milan (4th floor, room No. 4.13).

The presumption of innocence of persons undergoing preliminary investigation, to be presumed not guilty until any judgment conviction of coming irrevocable .  
Let a copy of this decree be transmitted to the Chief Prosecutor General at the Court of Appeals of Milan.

Milan, December 5, 2023

[signed]  
The Prosecutor of the Republic  
Marcello Viola