

Judge, caught red-handed offering a bribe to anticorruption prosecutor, is back to work

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The judge of Dnipro local court Hennadiy Pidberezniy, who was caught while offering a bribe to the head of the Specialized Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office, returned to hearing cases after four months suspension from office. The judge is back to his position despite being presented with an indictment.

Reason for his returning is that the law prohibits prolongation of temporary suspension of a judge for more than once. The Prosecutor's General Office failed to finish the investigation in time to be able to request prolongation of suspension until the verdict is adopted.

As a result, combination of weak provisions of the law and poor work of the Prosecutor General's Office allows judges under suspicions/indictments to continue to administer justice.