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Vít Bárta hits a lamppost

In a country where exemption from punishment is a perk of the rich and powerful, how is it possible that Vít Bárta will apparently be charged with bribery and might even be thrown in jail? Russian commentator Yulia Latynina uses her "[lamppost theory](#)" to explain such a paradox. If you're a big shot and you drive like a maniac, either literally or figuratively, you're bound at some point to run up against someone even bigger and more powerful. It's like hitting a lamppost when you're drunk. PPF signaled that Bárta had missed the curve when its [Euro magazine](#) withdrew its protection from him last week. By making an example of a big fish, Bárta's more-powerful adversaries will be able to take the pressure off others of his kind for awhile, but they'll have to be careful not to drop him too hard. As Václav Láska noted on "[Krásný ztráty](#)," a person with nothing to lose is likely to spill the beans on others.

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