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David Rath and his hundreds of millions



After the verdict in the David Rath corruption case was rendered last week, State Prosecutor Petr Jiráč gave one interview after another. In one of them he said that public opinion isn't important to him. This obvious contradiction - why give so many interviews if public opinion isn't important? - should be enough to put us on guard against Jiráč. And our wariness should increase multifold when we hear Jiráč say that he definitely thinks Rath has hundreds of millions of crowns hidden away somewhere and that he therefore presents a flight risk, once a final verdict is handed down. Jiráč is publicly accusing Rath of crimes without providing any proof. This is the same sort of bravado that significantly damaged the image of the police and prosecutors in the Nagyová case (remember Ivo Rittig's gold?). Public opinion does matter, and it's enhanced when prosecutors only make accusations that they can substantiate in court.

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