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## It's just drug money



Lawyer Miroslav Jansta has been in pretrial detention for more than three months on EUrelated charges of money-laundering. According to one report, the amount he was helping to legalize was Kč 60m, which is less than 0.5% of the Kč 12.5bn that is in play in Justice Min. Pavel Blažek's bitcoin scandal. Sen. Hana Marvanová told Czech TV yesterday that she wonders why it didn't occur to Blažek, or to anyone else who knew about or worked on his deal with a convicted drug dealer, that it had all the signs of a suspicious transaction. The other people she alluded to could include the prime minister, other ministers, deputy ministers, cabinet advisers, state prosecutors, judges, intelligence-service operatives, lawyers and the police. The case is now being investigated, but the potential witnesses or suspects are able to meet and coordinate their responses and behavior. Some of them are even able to do it on national television. They're lucky it's just drug money, and not a few million euros in EU funds.

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