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**PRESENTATION –
FINNANTIAL CASE
(CORRUPTION RELATED)**

**MINISTRY OF FINANCE
2016–2020**

ACTUALIDAD JUDICIAL

Implicados en Calamar devuelven \$2 mil MM

Por Domingo Berigüete
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Hasta el momento, investigados por el alegado entramado de corrupción bautizado como Calamar han entregado al Ministerio Público más de 2 mil millones de pesos, según el órgano acusador.

Una fuente del Ministerio Público informó a El Nacional que ese órgano tiene abierto un proceso de entrega de bienes con personas investigadas por el caso y que se beneficiaron con el señalado entramado de corrupción administrativa y que han entregado altas sumas de dinero, así como bienes muebles e inmuebles.

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Pepca confirma aumenta a 46 lista de acusados en la Operación Calamar

- El expediente de 3,162 páginas fue depositado de manera formal

Wilder Páez
Santo Domingo - abr. 26, 2024 | 03:33 p.m. | 2 min de lectura

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El Nuevo Diario

"Operación Calamar", más de RD\$2.15 mil millones y 2 inmuebles recuperados por el MP

Por El Nuevo Diario
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Homologan acuerdo con dos imputados de operación Calamar

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OPERACIÓN CALAMAR La Pepca someterá a más personas en el caso Calamar

- "Lo importante es lo que va a pasar en los próximos días", dijo el titular de la Pepca, Wilson Camacho

Cayena González
Santo Domingo - abr. 08, 2024 | 02:56 p.m. | 3 min de lectura

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BATALLA ELECTORAL 2024

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MP: FRAUDE DE OPERACIÓN CALAMAR IMPLICA RD\$41,000 MM

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POLICIA Y JUSTICIA

Suman 9 acuerdos aprobados por el tribunal en caso Calamar; pretenden recuperar más de RD\$2,000 millones



El Cuarto Juzgado de Instrucción del Distrito Nacional acogió seis criterios de oportunidad solicitados por el Ministerio Público, así lo informó el titular de la Procuraduría Especializada en Persecución a la Corrupción Administrativa (PEPCA) Wilson Camacho, a la salida de la audiencia.

Operación Calamar expone falta de controles para evitar financiamiento ilícito en campaña

DEFENDANTS

34 INDIVIDUALS

12 LEGAL ENTITIES

High-Profile Public Officials

1. Ángel Donald Guerrero

2. José Ramón Peralta Fernandez

3. Gonzalo Castillo Terrero

4. Daniel Omar de Jesús Caamaño Santana

5. Luis Miguel Piccirilo Mccabe

6. Claudio Silver Peña Peña.

Structure of the Scheme

FACTS OF THE CASE





1. They used the State's organizational chart to create the criminal structure, starting from the Ministry of Finance, the Office of the Comptroller General of the Republic, the General Directorate of National Assets, the State Sugar Council, the General Directorate of the National Cadastre, the Bank of Reserves, and the General Directorate of Budget, with the objective of defrauding and embezzling the Dominican State.
2. They created a contractor financing program that cost the State more than 21,000,000,000.00 pesos, in which all payment records were made in violation of the law and administrative regulations, with said program serving as a mega money laundering operation.
3. They falsified documentation from other State executives in order to proceed with the irregular payment of more than 21,000,000,000.00 pesos.
4. They coerced business owners into ceding part of their contracts, otherwise they would no longer remain suppliers to the State. They used traditional corporate schemes to carry out high-level money laundering operations.

Casino's Branch

Illegal Collections and Bribery Scheme through the Directorate of Casinos and Gambling

The defendant DGO, while abusing his functions as **Minister of Finance**, authorized and directed a non-governmental and criminal structure composed of 3 other collaborators, to illicitly obtain funds through illegal collections carried out via the Directorate of Casinos and Gambling between **2016 and 2020**.

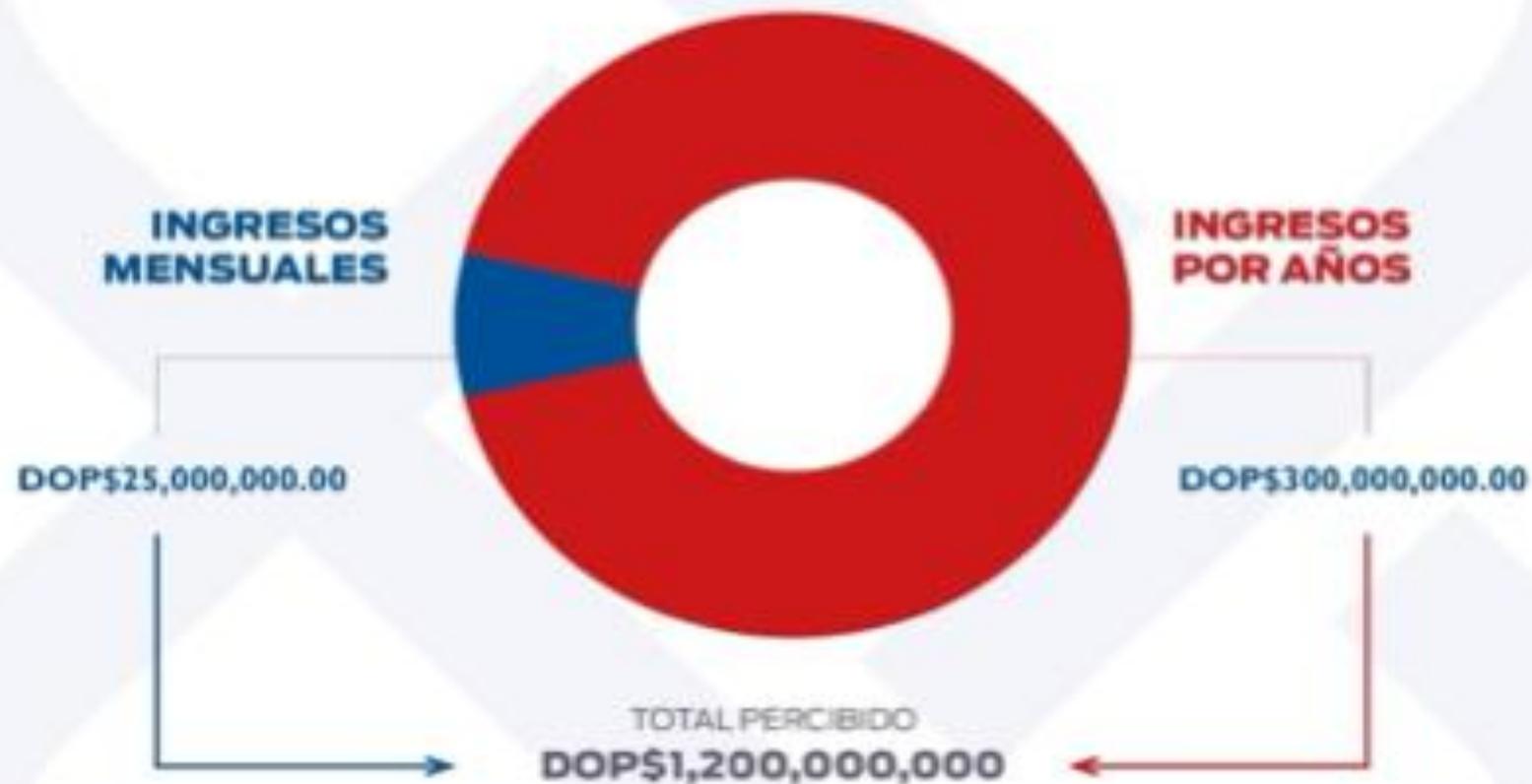
The Directorate of Casinos and Gambling is an agency of the *Ministry of Finance*, specifically under the Vice Ministry of the Treasury. It is responsible for regulating and supervising sports betting shops, lottery outlets, and slot machines nationwide.

Within this Directorate, the non-governmental structure mentioned above implemented a scheme referred to as "*the project or program*," which consisted of illegally collecting monthly cash payments from lottery shop owners, sports betting operators, and small convenience stores ("*colmados*") operating slot machines. These funds were never deposited into the Dominican State's coffers but were instead diverted to the corruption network led by the former **Minister of Finance**.

INGRESOS POR COBROS ILEGALES Y ESQUEMA DE SOBORNOS A TRAVÉS DE LA DIRECCIÓN DE CASINOS Y JUEGOS DE AZAR.

"EL PROGRAMA"

PERIODO: OCTUBRE 2016 - AGOSTO 2020



Modus Operandi: Collaborator #1 was the one who designed the plan, which involved mapping the entire national territory to identify all lottery and betting points of sale and slot machine locations. Collaborator #2 presented the collection plan to the minister, who approved and instructed his employees with all his requests.

The operational component of the project fell under the Directorate of Casinos and Gambling. Its directors instructed their operations managers—and in turn, Treasury inspectors—to immediately shut down any betting or lottery shop that failed to comply with payment demands and to seize slot machines.

- Directors initially received DOP 1 million monthly from the illegal scheme in November 2016. This later increased to DOP 2 million monthly through direct payments. In March 2019, due to internal disputes, one of the collaborators was dismissed and replaced by collaborator #4, who immediately integrated into the scheme and received the same monthly sum.



- In May 2019, the Ministry issued Resolution No. 0006-2019, ostensibly establishing new rules for licensing betting operations. It served as a cover to mask the ongoing illegal activities under Minister's authority.

- *The illegal collections, confiscations without due process, and bribery continued until May 2020, when operations were finally halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

AMOUNT OF THE FRAUD

RD\$41,000,000,000.00

(Forty-one billion Dominican pesos)

US\$ 680,364,387.38

(six hundred eighty million three hundred sixty-four thousand eighty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents)



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Asset Recovery through Cooperation Agreements with Defendants

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Signature _____

Date _____

Special Opportunity Principle for Complex Matters

(Article 369)

- Admissibility. When the proceedings are complex due to the plurality of facts, the high number of defendants or victims, or when dealing with cases of organized crime, upon request of the public prosecutor in charge of the investigation, and before the submission of any conclusive request, the judge may authorize, through a reasoned ruling, the application of the special rules provided in this title. The decision rendered is subject to appeal.

(Article 370.6)

- It allows the public prosecutor to request the application of an opportunity criterion if the defendant effectively collaborates with the investigation, provides essential information to prevent criminal activity or the commission of other offenses, helps clarify the investigated act or related ones, or provides useful information to prove the involvement of other defendants, provided that the criminal action being waived is considerably less serious than the punishable acts whose prosecution is facilitated or whose continuation is prevented. In such case, the application of the opportunity criterion must be authorized by a ruling of the competent judge or court.

Judgment No. 060-2024-SRPT-00034, issued by the Fourth Examining Court of the National District. Case File No. 2024-0041467, dated August 22, 2024 (JUDGMENT RATIFYING THE PLEA AGREEMENTS).

- *“FIRST: Records the opportunity agreements executed on April 20, 21, 25, and 26, 2024, by the Public Prosecutor’s Office (...) in favor of the investigated individuals Fernando Crisóstomo Herrera, Ramón Emilio Jiménez Collie, José Arturo Ureña, Belkiz Antonia Tejeda Ramírez, Natalia Cesarina Beltré Torres, and the entity Grupo DIBEFE, S.R.L., their defense attorneys, (...) as well as the representatives of the State, (...) acting as complainants and civil parties, as part of the public asset recovery team.”*
- *SECOND: Declares the termination of criminal prosecution due to the application of an opportunity criterion submitted by the Public Prosecutor’s Office, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Articles 34, 370 paragraph 6, and 44 paragraph 6 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.*

Assets Recovered through Agreements with the Public Prosecutor's Office

ACUSADOS	MONTO EN RD\$	MONTO EN DOLARES US\$
Ramón Emilio Jiménez Collie	715,000,000.00	\$11,818,181.82
Fernando Crisóstomo Herrera	\$1,101,770,078.50	\$18,211,075.68
José Arturo Ureña	500,000,000.00	\$8,264,462.81
TOTAL	\$2,316,770,078.50	\$38,293,720.31
Belkiz Antonia Tejeda Ramírez, Natalia Cesarina Beltré Torres y Grupo DIBEFE, S.R.L.	El inmueble ubicado en la calle Teodoro Chasseriau, No. 5267, sector las Praderas, Distrito Nacional	Inmueble ubicado en el condominio Canó 29, apartamento 3-B, tercer nivel, sector El Millón

Assets Identified for Criminal Forfeiture

TOTAL IN DOMINICAN PESOS			
RD\$489,539,164.7			
TOTAL IN US DOLLARS			
USD 8,158,986.08			
REAL ESTATE	96		
VEHICLES	46		

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