

PRESS RELEASE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF GOETTINGEN DATED  
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The Göttingen public prosecutor's office is conducting a preliminary investigation against a 65-year-old lawyer who last resided in Göttingen. He is accused of having committed acts of embezzlement as managing director of the "Corona Committee Foundation", which was established in mid-2020. The shareholders solicited donations since 2020, which, paid by private individuals, were to finance the work of the "Committee". Five bank accounts were opened for the company. Subsequently, payments in substantial amounts were received into these accounts. Investigations revealed that the defendant had a (male) 53-year-old co-defendant make a payment of €200,000 in 20 transactions of €10,000 each to his wife on November 10, 2020. In the subsequent period, he is said to have completely consumed the money together with her. On May 27, 2021, he is then said to have transferred €500,000 to his private account by his own hand and also consumed this amount of money privately together with his wife. Thus approx. € 115,000 are to have been used for the redemption of a private real estate loan as well as approx. € 70,000 for the redemption of a personal occupation-conditioned credit.

The accused stayed for longer in Mexico. There he was deported in the past week for aliens-legal reasons to Germany. Upon arrival at Frankfurt Airport, he was arrested on the basis of an arrest warrant issued by the Göttingen Local Court on March 15, 2023, requested by the Göttingen Public Prosecutor's Office, on the above charges and taken to a correctional facility. The investigation is continuing. (German original: <https://staatsanwaltschaft-goettingen.niedersachsen.de/startseite/aktuelles/presseinformationen/rechtsanwalt-verhaftet-226306.html>)

On the subject of summary proceedings before the Berlin Regional Court, for the sake of completeness I am publishing here the judicial notices of [March 29, 2023](#), and [June 23, 2023](#). The dismissal of the motions for injunctive relief filed in respect of [these statements](#) (english translation [here](#)) was ostensibly on the grounds of "self-refutation of urgency", but the court had already dealt with the content of the motions and issued notices. On March 29, 2023, it announced that it had reservations about the merits of Reiner Fuellmich's motions because, in the opinion of the court, my statements were either true (e.g. failure to repatriate the € 700,000) or were permissible expressions of opinion (e.g. assessment that the Committee was thus at risk of insolvency or that there might be nothing to get from Reiner Fuellmich). At this point, Reiner Fuellmich had already given a detailed presentation. A further 18 pages followed, to which we replied with 40 pages. On June 23, 2023, the court informed us that Reiner Fuellmich's statements were nevertheless only relevant at one point, i.e. worthy of review, whereupon we provided further evidence. On June 23, 2023, the court also advised Reiner Fuellmich to withdraw his motions. When no withdrawal was made, the court dismissed the motions. Despite umpteen extensions of the deadline, Reiner Fuellmich has not succeeded in refuting the accuracy of my statements, even though, [according to the court](#), "it (concerns) a factual situation that is neither complex nor raises legal questions that are difficult to assess." Yours Viviane Fischer