

Possible accomplices of former minister Murillo arrested in Bolivia



Former minister Arturo Murillo, currently under arrest in the U.S. for corruption, was part of the de facto government presided by Jeanine Áñez

La Paz, May 29 (RHC)-- The coordinator of the Departmental Prosecutor's Office of La Paz, Sergio Bustillos, in a press conference issued from the Departmental Public Department, announced Friday that three people were arrested after being linked to the illegal acts committed by the former deputy minister

Arturo Murillo.

"At the moment, we have four people who are being investigated, two police officers, a brother-in-law and Mr. Murillo who is being investigated in this process of legitimization of illicit gains," said Bustillos.

The detainees are Murillo's former brother-in-law, Daniel Aliss, the former minister's aide-de-camp and police captain, Daniel Bellot, and the former chief of security of the former minister, Ivar Víctor Gómez, said the prosecutor.

Bustillos also pointed out that Aliss and Bellot took the right to silence, while Murillo's former chief of security and also police captain, Ivar Víctor Gómez, are cooperating and testifying at the Prosecutor's Office.

The prosecutor said that the aide-de-camp of the former coup minister allegedly asked Gómez to deposit in Murillo's private accounts around 100,000 bolivianos (\$14,492 dollars at the current exchange rate).

Regarding Aliss, Bustillos announced that he is alleged to have opened four safety deposit boxes in a Bolivian banking institution on behalf of Murillo.

The U.S. Department of Justice reported on Tuesday that Arturo Murillo -- who served under the former coup president of Bolivia, Jeanine Áñez -- had been arrested in Florida on charges of money laundering and corruption.

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