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On 2 August 2014 Arshavir Khalapyan was arrested in the investigation department, according to information reported by hetq.am investigative journalist news website. He is charged with article 200 §3 of the RA Criminal Code (commercial bribe). According to the article 22§3 of the RA law “on Advocacy”, when arresting or detaining an advocate, the authority conducting the proceedings shall immediately inform thereon the Chairperson of the Chamber of Advocates. The authority conducting the proceedings did not inform immediately the chairman of the Chamber of the Advocates about detention of advocate Arshavir Khalapyan by violating the requirement of the above mentioned norm. One of the tasks of the RA Chamber of Advocates is to protect the rights and lawful interests of its members in their interrelation with state and local self-government bodies and with organizations, as well as before court. RA Chamber of Advocates calls on the authority conducting criminal proceedings to conduct the criminal proceedings in relation to advocate Arshavir Khalapyan by strictly following the principles enshrined in the RA Criminal Procedure Code (in particular, lawfulness, legality, equality of all before the law, respect for the rights, freedoms and dignity of an Individual, immunity of person, fair trial and presumption of innocence). The press service of the Chamber of Advocates of the RA.

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