

Search for Jan MARSALEK – call for witnesses

FRAUD AND OTHER PROPERTY AND ECONOMIC OFFENCES

Munich I public prosecutor's office are conducting investigations into Jan MARSALEK for suspected gang-type fraud committed on a repetitive and gainful basis, breach of trust in an especially serious case and other property and economic offences.

The suspect MARSALEK was employed with Wirecard AG as a Payment Systems project manager since January 2000; from February 2010 to June 2020, he was a member of the Management Board. In his capacity as COO (Chief Operating Officer), he was in charge of all operational business activities including sales. In particular, he was the responsible executive for the company's business in Asia and its TPA business at least since 2015.

He is suspected of having inflated the balance sheet total and sales volume of Wirecard AG from an unknown point in time, in 2015 at the latest, acting together with the suspect Dr. BRAUN, CEO of Wirecard AG at that time, by incorporating fictitious proceeds from payment transactions relating to deals with so-called third-party acquirers (TPAs) in order to present the company financially stronger and more attractive to investors and customers.

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Time of the offence: since 2015 at the latest

When the company's financial statements for 2019 were audited by an accounting firm, it was found that bank confirmations proving the existence of trust accounts with credit balances were forged/false.

Furthermore, it is suspected that MARSALEK, contrary to his obligation to safeguard the Wirecard group's asset interests, purchased shares in a company at an excessive purchase price and thereby caused financial losses to the company.

Knowing that the balance sheet was incorrect and that alleged assets most recently amounting to EUR 1.9 billion (which corresponds to a quarter of the balance sheet total) were non-existent, the suspects initiated negotiations with investors over various credits and similar transactions. Having been deceived by the incorrect annual financial statements, banks in Germany and

Japan and other investors allocated funds amounting to approximately EUR 3.2 billion, the greater part of which are most probably lost due to Wirecard AG's insolvency. Consequently, it is suspected that MARSALEK committed breach of trust in an especially serious case as well as gang-type fraud on a repetitive and gainful basis.

The search measures have proven unsuccessful so far. Given the current results of the investigations, it is considered very likely that the wanted person is staying abroad.

MUNICH POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MUNICH I PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE KINDLY ASK FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE:

- Have you seen Jan MARSALEK since June 2020?
- Can you provide information on the wanted person's current whereabouts?
- Do you have image and/or video material depicting the wanted person?

YOU HAVE INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEARCHES?

Please contact Munich police headquarters at phone number **+49 89 29 100** or any other police office should you have any information

You can also use the contact form of the Bavarian police at <http://www.polizei.bayern.de> for this purpose. Your information can be treated as confidential!