

Barcelona Ex-Barcelona president earned irregular commission

Sandro Rosell arrested in anti-money laundering operation



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n Tuesday, in a joint operation between the Civil Guard and the National Police, ordered by

O the National Court, former **Barcelona**

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president, Sandro Rosell, was arrested for money laundering.

Research is believed to have shown that Rosell collected irregular commissions, obtained through the sale of the image rights of the Brazilian football team.

He and the others implicated would have later washed the payments through fictitious companies established in tax havens.

According to El Mundo, the operation is related to the years in which Rosell established business agreements with the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF), before becoming president of Barcelona.

Through his company - Ailanto Marketing - he exploited the sports rights of the Selecao for years, arranging friendly matches for which he would have charged commissions that have been considered irregular.

Among those implicated in this alleged plot is the former president of the Brazilian Football Federation, Ricardo Teixeira, as well as former directors of Brazilian football.

Rosell is also accused of irregularities in the signing of Neymar when he was president at Barcelona.

The Prosecutor's Office is seeking five years' imprisonment for alleged crimes of corruption in business and fraud.

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The soap opera is over and they breathe a sigh of relief at the club, securing one of the great defenders of the moment.

On Monday at 10.30am CET, the Frenchman will sign his new contract and speak to the media.

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