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### **Alexandru-Daniel Carpen banned for life for tennis match-fixing offence**

Romanian tennis player Alexandru-Daniel Carpen has been banned from playing professional tennis for life after admitting to a match-fixing charge.

A Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) investigation found that in October 2013 he made a corrupt approach to another player, seeking his involvement in match-fixing activity in return for payment.

Independent Anti-Corruption Hearing Officer Jane Mulcahy QC considered the case and imposed the lifetime ban.

In addition, the player has been prohibited from attending any tournament or event authorised by the governing bodies of tennis for a period of four years, commencing 29 September 2015, the date on which Mr Carpen began a period of voluntary provisional suspension.

Having admitted the charge in 2015, the decision on sanction was delayed to allow the Hearing Officer to give full consideration of all relevant circumstances involved in the case.

Mr Carpen, 30, achieved a career-high singles ranking of 1,088 in November 2007 and 274 in doubles in 2015.

The offence he was charged with, and admitted to, falls under Section D.1.d of the Tennis Anti-Corruption Program:

- *No Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly, contrive or attempt to contrive the outcome or any other aspect of any Event*

The Tennis Integrity Unit is an initiative of the Grand Slam Board, the International Tennis Federation, the ATP and the WTA, who are jointly committed to a zero tolerance approach to corruption in tennis.

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