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Extortion of funds from the Marshal's Office of the Lubuskie Voivodeship

Overstated costs of a research project, blank invoices, false statements - criminal extortion scheme thwarted by officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau Regional Office in Poznań, by order of the District Prosecutor's Office in Zielona Góra, detained five persons in the Mazowieckie and Zachodniopomorskie voivodships.

In the premises where the activities were carried out, officers conducted searches of places of residence to secure additional evidence and possible proceeds of crimes committed.

The activities were conducted in connection with an investigation concerning the extortion of funding for a research project of an economic entity from funds of the Marshal's Office of the Lubuskie Voivodeship under the Regional Operational Programme - Lubuskie 2020.

The economic entity led the Office of the Marshal of the Lubuskie Voivodeship to a disadvantageous disposal of property of significant value by submitting untrue information and inaccurate statements, which conditioned positive consideration of the application for a grant for the project. Moreover, economic entities involved in the criminal scheme artificially inflated the project costs by issuing invoices that were overstated or did not reflect real economic transactions concerning alleged expenses incurred for the project implementation.

The detainees were brought to the District Public Prosecutor's Office in Zielona Góra where the Public Prosecutor presented them with charges.

It is the first procedural operation resulting from an inspection carried out by the CBA Regional Office in Poznań. The case is in progress.

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