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Financial fraud of PLN 200 million - 17 persons detained

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Łódź have detained 17 persons and searched companies and places of residence of persons in the Łódzkie Voivodship and Mazovia. The amount of cash involved in the criminal offence amounts to over PLN 200 million. Six suspects were remanded in custody for three months.

Personal and capital connections

On 18 and 21 April 2023, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Łódź detained 17 persons. The detainees are members of the management boards of companies operating in the real estate sector in the Lower Silesian, Mazovian and Łódzkie Voivodeships. As established by CBA officers, the criminal scheme, carried out between 2012 and 2021, consisted of the removal of assets from companies, as well as the marketing of real estate and proceeds of crime using a group of companies with capital and personal links, including foreign companies. The amount of cash involved in the criminal offence amounts to over PLN 200 million. A notary who cooperated with the criminal group was involved in the scheme.

Charges of tax evasion and extortion of subsidies and temporary arrest for six suspects

The detainees were taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Łódź. They faced charges of depleting tax on civil law transactions for over PLN 8 million, extorting subsidies from the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development (PARP) of approximately PLN 73 million, as well as certifying untruths in submitted documents.

By court decision, six suspects were remanded in custody for three months. Against the

remaining suspects, the prosecutor applied preventive measures in the form of bail, police supervision, and a ban on leaving the country combined with the withholding of their passports. Approximately half a million zlotys in cash and vehicles were secured against future penalties.

The investigation is multithreaded, further activities in the case and further detentions are being planned.

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