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Corruption charges against the mayor from Greater Poland demanding a bribe

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań detained a local government official expecting a bribe from an entrepreneur in connection with the possibility of further investment in the construction of a biogas plant. The investigation is supervised by the Greater Poland Branch of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań.

Invoking influence in state and local government institutions

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań conduct an investigation under the supervision of Greater Poland Branch of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań.

The ongoing preparatory proceedings concern invoking of influence in state and local government institutions by certain people in the period from December 2017 to September 2019 throughout the country, as well as confirming other persons in the belief of the existence of such influence and taking up intermediation in settling matters in public institutions, in exchange for providing financial benefits, i.e. an offense under Art. 230 §1 of the Penal Code.

Charge of submitting a corruption proposal by a local government official

The evidence material collected in the preparatory proceedings shows that the local government official, through other persons, submitted a corrupt proposal to the entrepreneur in exchange for the possibility of further implementation of the investment in the form of construction of a biogas plant, which would be possible after

the withdrawal of the notice of termination of the lease of the real estate on which the investment was to be carried out. The entrepreneur did not agree to give a "bribe" in the specified amount of PLN 200,000.00 and therefore the investment was not completed.

On November 6, 2023, based on the Prosecutor's decision, officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań detained a man in the Greater Poland Voivodeship. Searches was carried out at the suspect's place of residence in order to secure evidence material that may be important in the case. The suspect was taken to the Greater Poland Branch of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, where he was charged under Art. 228 CC.

Preventive measures applied in the investigation

The Prosecutor applied preventive measures against the suspect in the form of: suspension from official duties, police supervision, bail in the amount of PLN 20,000.00, ban on leaving the country and ban on contact with other suspects in the case. During the search at the suspect's place of residence, officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau seized temporary property in the amount of USD 5,150.00. During the search at the suspect's place of residence, officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau seized temporary property in the amount of USD 5,150.00.

The case is ongoing

This is the third procedural implementation in the multi-threaded preparatory proceedings. A total of 5 people have already been charged in the investigation.

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