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CBA Officers from the Katowice Regional Office Detain Lawyer for Influence Peddling and Accepting Financial Benefit

The investigation is supervised by the Podkarpackie Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów.

Influence Peddling

CBA officers from the Katowice Regional Office are conducting an investigation into a Warsaw-based lawyer for influence peddling in state institutions and accepting financial benefits.



The lawyer assured the family of one of the detainees of his ability to use his influence to positively resolve a case involving a request for temporary detention. The lawyer accepted a financial benefit of PLN 50,000 from the detainee's relatives. Furthermore, he attempted to cause the family to suffer additional financial loss amounting to PLN 200,000.

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Secured Cash

On April 23, 2024, in Warsaw, CBA officers from the Katowice Regional Office detained a lawyer, who is also a professor at one of Warsaw's higher education institutions. The lawyer, claiming to have influence in state institutions, accepted a financial benefit of PLN 50,000 and attempted to cause further financial loss amounting to PLN 200,000.

The detainee was brought to the Podkarpackie Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów. The prosecutor charged the man under Articles 230 and 286 of the Penal Code, namely for influence peddling and causing financial loss.

CBA officers, with the assistance of the Border Guard, searched several locations in the Mazowsze and Śląsk regions. They discovered and secured electronic data carriers and documentary evidence related to suspected corruption offenses. Additionally, a significant amount of cash was found and secured at the lawyer's residence.

Preventive Measures

Due to the necessity of ensuring the proper course of proceedings, the Prosecutor filed a motion for a preventive measure in the form of temporary detention against the suspect. The court fully endorsed the Prosecutor's arguments and applied temporary detention for a period of 3 months.

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