

## Indictment for educational subsidy fraud

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The District Prosecutor's Office in Gliwice filed an indictment against 17 defendants, who were charged with, among other things, extorting funds from educational subsidies with a total value exceeding PLN 132 million. The investigation was conducted by the CBA Branch Office in Katowice together with the Provincial Police Headquarters in Katowice.

The preparatory proceedings concerned the extortion of funds from educational subsidies for the operation of non-public schools with the rights of public schools for adults. In the course of the conducted activities, it was established that an organized criminal group operated in the Silesian and Opole provinces in the period from

September 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which extorted no less than PLN 132,294,919.96. The funds came from educational subsidies transferred to 21 communes and counties by the Minister of Finance. Misled employees awarded subsidies to non-public schools that they were not actually entitled to.

The preparatory proceedings were supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Gliwice, which on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024, filed an indictment against 17 people. They were charged with committing crimes described in, among others, Article 258 § 1 of the Penal Code, Article 297 § 1 of the Penal Code, Article 286 § 1 of the Penal Code and others. The thread entrusted to the CBA concerned money laundering crimes originating from prohibited acts.

Thanks to the effective actions of the officers, assets worth approximately PLN 55 million were secured against future penalties, including real estate, cash and funds accumulated in bank accounts, luxury passenger cars and paintings.

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