

## Another arrest in the fictitious donations' case

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CBA officers detained a man who was supposed to actively participate in the procedure of transferring fictitious donations for religious purposes. He was charged with aiding and abetting. The investigation is being conducted by the District Prosecutor's Office in Płock.

On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025, officers of the CBA Branch Office in Łódź detained a man in the Pruszków district. The investigation findings indicate that the detainee was supposed to provide donors with unreliable documentation confirming that they had made a donation for religious worship or charitable and care activities. Thanks to this, they were able to reduce their income tax due by the amount of the donation when filing tax returns.

The District Prosecutor's Office in Płock charged the detainee with aiding and abetting the crime of exposing the State Treasury to tax depletion in the total amount of almost PLN 1.4 million. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against the suspect in the form of a property guarantee in the amount of PLN 50,000 and police supervision.

The implementation is related to the CBA investigation into the provision of false information in tax returns submitted by individuals and legal entities in the years 2019-2024. Written confirmations of receiving fictitious donations were issued by the then parish priest of one of the Płock parishes, who was temporarily arrested by the Court for a period of three months at the request of the prosecutor.

This is the second procedural implementation in the ongoing preparatory proceedings. So far, 25 people have been charged with a total of 194 charges in the investigation. Over PLN 7 million has been secured from the suspects' assets as part of the potential penalties. The suspects involved in the investigation are gradually submitting

corrections to the relevant tax offices and are returning the unduly reduced income tax along with interest.

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