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Nearly PLN 3 million in damages for the National Center for Research and Development

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau detained an entrepreneur in connection with the misappropriation of assets belonging to the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development and the National Center for Research and Development. The alleged crimes occurred between 2019 and 2020. The investigation into the embezzlement of nearly PLN 3 million in grants is being supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin.

On April 2 of this year, in the Greater Poland Voivodeship, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Szczecin detained a businessman who operated his own company and served as the president of two IT service companies. These companies were allegedly used to divert EU grant funds.

Fictitious Business Activity

According to CBA findings, fictitious economic events were used to issue VAT invoices intended for tax settlement purposes. The investigation concerns the activities of an organized criminal group that utilized fraudulent VAT invoices. The group was active between 2019 and 2022. The detained individual participated in the scheme to siphon EU funds intended for project financing.

12 Charges Filed

The detained man was brought before the District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, where he was charged with 12 offenses, including tax crimes and money laundering of funds obtained through fraud against the National Centre for Research and Development, totaling nearly PLN 3 million.

Preventive Measures

Preventive measures were applied against the suspect in the form of a property guarantee in the amount of PLN 100,000, police supervision combined with a ban on contacting certain individuals, and a ban on leaving the country combined with the seizure of his passport.

This is the ninth operation carried out as part of the ongoing preparatory proceedings. So far, 17 individuals have been charged in connection with the case. At the prosecutor's request, two individuals have been subjected to pre-trial detention. The case is ongoing, with further investigative actions planned.

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