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CBA Arrests in Kraków

Officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau have detained six people in connection with an investigation into invoking influence and acting as intermediaries in handling official matters for several development companies. Among those detained are two entrepreneurs and a former police officer. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków.

On May 16 and 17 of this year, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków detained six individuals in the Małopolskie and Świętokrzyskie provinces. Among the detainees are three women and three men. One of the arrested individuals is a former police officer who acted as an intermediary in expediting matters within public institutions in Kraków. The others include: an employee of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, an employee of the Kraków District Court, two representatives of the real estate development sector, and an employee of an accounting office. The CBA secured electronic devices and financial-accounting documentation.

Claiming Influence in Public Institutions

In the course of the investigation, officers of the CBA Regional Office established that a criminal practice of trading on influence and mediating in official matters was taking place in exchange for financial and personal benefits. The scheme involved the expedited handling of applications and matters submitted by development companies to the Division of the National Court Register and Land and Mortgage Registry of the District Court for Kraków-Śródmieście, as well as the Road Administration of the City of Kraków. The ongoing investigation includes a thread concerning the unfavourable disposal of the assets of PZU SA.

Charges and Preventive Measures

The detainees were brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków. The prosecutor presented 5 people with a total of 17 charges, including under Article 230 § 1 of the Penal Code, Article 231 § 1 of the Penal Code and Article 286 § 1 of the Penal Code, as a result of which there was an unfavourable disposition of PZU S.A. property. He applied preventive measures against the suspects in the form of a property guarantee in the total amount of PLN 75 thousand, police supervision, a ban on contact with specific persons. Additionally, one of the suspects was subject to a ban on leaving the country combined with the seizure of his passport.

Further Developments in the Investigation

This is the first set of actions in this case. Further investigative activities are planned.

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