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Former Members of the Management and Supervisory Boards of RUCH S.A. Charged

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained eight men in connection with an investigation into suspected large-scale financial damage caused to RUCH S.A. Cash, real estate, and company shares with a total value of nearly PLN 70 million have been secured. The investigation is supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Kraków.

On 3 March 2026, in Mazowieckie Voivodeship, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków detained eight individuals. The activities were carried out as part of an investigation concerning suspected failure to fulfill duties by individuals who previously managed RUCH S.A. and were responsible for its financial matters and business operations. With the support of officers from the Regional Offices of the CBA in Warsaw, Katowice, and Poznań, searches were conducted at 13 locations across three voivodeships.

Large-Scale Financial Damage

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków are conducting a multi-threaded investigation into abuse of authority and failure to fulfill duties by individuals managing RUCH S.A. According to the findings of the investigation, the detained men previously served on the company's management and supervisory bodies and made decisions that were unjustified and economically disadvantageous for RUCH S.A. The abuses occurred between 2011 and 2014.

The scheme concerned, among other things, the purchase of corporate bonds and the sale of real estate below their actual market value. Such actions resulted in large-scale financial damage to the company totaling more than PLN 428 million.

CBA Operation in Three Voivodeships

Officers from four Regional Offices of the CBA carried out searches simultaneously at 13 locations across three voivodeships. The activities were conducted at the residences of the detained individuals and in the offices of law firms in Warsaw and Poznań. During the searches, extensive documentation was secured, as well as collectible watches and cash in various currencies totaling more than PLN 940,000.

Charges and Preventive Measures

The detained individuals were brought to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Kraków. The prosecutor charged them with committing offences under Article 296 §1 of the Polish Penal Code in conjunction with Article 296 §3 and Article 296 §2, in conjunction with Article 11 §2 and Article 12 §1 of the Penal Code.

Non-custodial preventive measures were applied to the suspects, including financial bail totaling nearly PLN 6 million, police supervision, and for seven of the detained individuals a ban on leaving the country combined with the confiscation of their passports.

The prosecutor also ordered the seizure of 52 real estate properties owned by the suspects, including land and residential premises, as well as shares in companies, with a total value of nearly PLN 69 million. Movable assets in the form of cash amounting to approximately PLN 860,000 were also secured.

The Investigation Is Multi-Threaded

The preparatory proceedings conducted under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Kraków cover a number of other unfavorable business decisions. The procedural activities carried out at 13 locations across three voivodeships were preceded by a series of investigative and analytical findings prepared by CBA officers.

Further procedural actions are planned.

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