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Nearly One Million Zlotys in Fictitious Donations to the Parish

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained four individuals in connection with fictitious donations for religious worship purposes and tax fraud. The total amount of the alleged donations declared by the detainees is nearly one million zlotys. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Siedlce.

On 27 May this year, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained one woman and three men in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship. The detainees are members of the management staff of three nationwide companies. During searches conducted at their residences, officers seized, among other things, PLN 60,000 in cash and USD 3,625. Furthermore, at the prosecutor's request, bank accounts belonging to two suspects were frozen for a total amount exceeding half a million zlotys.

Fictitious Donations and Tax Fraud

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź, under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Siedlce, are conducting preparatory proceedings concerning the submission of false information in tax declarations by individuals and legal entities between 2016 and 2024.

According to the findings of the investigation, the then parish priest of a parish located in the Mińsk Mazowiecki municipality participated in the criminal scheme. By issuing relevant documents, the clergyman allegedly confirmed the receipt of fictitious donations intended for religious worship purposes. After deducting a

specified amount, the funds paid in were allegedly returned in cash to the donors.

Charges and Preventive Measures

The detainees were brought before the District Prosecutor's Office in Siedlce, where they were charged under Article 286 § 1 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Article 12 § 1 of the Penal Code, Article 65 § 1 of the Penal Code, and Article 56 § 2 of the Fiscal Penal Code.

The prosecutor imposed preventive measures on the suspects in the form of bail amounting to PLN 10,000 for each individual.

The Investigation is Ongoing

This is the third procedural operation carried out in the preparatory proceedings conducted by officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź. According to the investigation findings, the total amount derived from the fictitious donations reached nearly PLN 28 million, of which the prosecutor's office has already secured assets worth PLN 12 million.

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