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Corruption in the Appeal Court in Cracow, further detained persons, in the background millions of PLN

The CBA detained more people in the case of corruption in Appeal Court in Cracow, this time they are two businessmen - IT specialists. For fictitious orders for IT work and consulting services they were generously rewarded. The damage in the court reaches millions of PLN. Investigation is conducted under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów. Prosecutors pressed charges against detainees for participation in a criminal group.

Two entrepreneurs from the IT sector were detained by agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Rzeszów. In the course of the investigation the officers found out that the detainees received fictitious orders for IT work. The ordering party was the former director of the Cracow Court of Appeal Andrzej P. and his subordinate staff. The IT Specialists were paid despite the fact that the work has never been done, and the invoices certified untruth.

Part of the cash the businessmen shared with court staff. The Investigators with the CBA and prosecutors determined that the amount of misappropriated money which was at the disposal of the court reached at least 9.5 million PLN.

Detained people were taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów, where they heard the charges, including participation in an organized criminal group, created and led by Andrzej P. - director of the Appellate Court in Cracow.

In mid-December last year, the CBA detained in this case five suspects: the Director and the Chief Accountant of the Court of Appeal in Cracow, Director of the Center for

Purchases of the Judiciary and the two businessmen whose companies were performing fictitious services for the Court of Appeal in Cracow. Charges which were pressed concern, among others, misappropriation to the detriment of the Court of Appeal in Cracow of amounts reaching up to more than 10 million PLN and corruption.

The findings of investigators from the CBA and prosecutors indicate, that in the last few years, around the court was created a network of many companies related by capital, socially and family-run with the director of the Court and director of the Center for Purchases for Judiciary, carrying out mostly fictitious orders for the provision of services and analyses. There is no evidence that the analyses and studies were created at all. In the Court of Appeal in Cracow there is lack of any documents, that would confirm the implementation of the concluded contracts. Estimates made by the investigators indicate that the question includes the amount of tens of millions of zlotys derived as a result of the criminal practice from the budget of the Court of Appeal in Cracow.

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