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Agents of the Regional Office of the CBA in Rzeszów while conducting investigation on corruption in Cracow Court of Appeal found that the losses of the court may reach as much as 35 million PLN. In this investigation 14 people were detained, including the former president of the Court of Appeal in Cracow. 11 people have been placed under arrest.

CBA officers from Rzeszow arrested Krzysztof S., the former president of the Court of Appeal in Cracow. The man will be transferred to the national prosecutor's office in Warsaw.

At the end of May this year our officers caught: deputy director, head of the IT department, the main public procurement specialist, acting deputy chief accountant and IT specialist. Detainees in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszow have faced charges of corruption, among others, participation in an organized criminal group established and managed by the director of the Court of Appeal in Cracow.

In February, more people were detained for corruption in the Court of Appeal in Cracow, this time they were two businessmen - IT professionals. For the fictitious jobs for IT and consulting work they were well rewarded. In March this year the CBA agents from Rzeszów have detained Jarosław B. - an entrepreneur from Mazowieckie Voivodeship operating in the consulting and training organization sector. During the investigation, it was found, that he was receiving fictitious orders for which the Director of the Court of Appeal in Cracow Andrzej P. and his staff, including Chief Accountant Marta K., paid the money. The orders were not executed and the invoices certified an untruth. A part of the illegally obtained cash was shared by the businessman with the employees of the Court.

In mid-December last year the CBA detained five suspects: the Director and Chief Accountant of the Court of Appeal in Cracow, the Director of the Purchase Center for the Judiciary and two businessmen, whose companies were supposed to perform fictitious services for the Court of Appeal in Cracow.

The findings of investigators from the CBA and prosecutors show that in the past few years around the court was created a network of many companies linked by capital, family and socially with the director of the Court and the director of the Purchase Centre for Judiciary, carrying out fictitious contracts for the provision of consulting services, analyzes and studies. Most of these companies were created solely for the purpose of obtaining regular contracts with the Court of Appeal in Cracow, and the earnings from the court were their sole income.

In fact, these contracts were not implemented, paid analyzes and studies were created and they were to only justify the payment of money. To make the appearance of legality to the practice, external companies commissioned to the employees of the court performance of work, which scope was convergent with those previously commissioned by the court.

The findings of CBA agents and prosecutors point out, that part of the funds obtained from the Court of Appeal in Krakow was transferred as financial benefits, which was to ensure further favor and reception of further orders.

Estimates show, that the amount of losses of the State Treasury resulted from the misappropriation of the money of the Court of Appeal in Cracow reaches even 35 million zł.

The CBA does not rule out further detentions of people involved in organized crime group, the misappropriation of public money, the receipt and delivery of financial benefits and money laundering.



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