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Corruption in a defense company - already eighth detainee

Two more detainees in the investigation regarding the corruption scheme disclosed in PIT-RADWAR.

The CBA agents detained in Warsaw and near Warsaw two more suspects in the investigation regarding corruption in PIT-RADWAR company, which is a part of Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa (Polish Armaments Group) in which a number of people, both employed in the company and in cooperating entities, participated.

Persons detained today by the CBA, were associated with one of the main cooperators of the armaments company in the field of water cutting services. They gave the person employed in the company financial benefit - in exchange for the promise of actions bearing the characteristics of an act of unfair competition that could cause real damage to property.

The detentions are also related to the examined thread within the conducted investigation concerning possible crime of mismanagement, causing significant property damage in the company's property for an amount of approx. 500,000 PLN. Investigative findings indicate unjustifiable transmission of orders to one of the external companies.

Detainees will be brought by the CBA officers to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk, where they will hear charges of corruption. Activities with detainees are in progress.

Earlier, the officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Gdańsk, in cooperation with the Military Gendarmerie established that in one of the companies included in the Polish Armaments Group - PIT RADWAR SA, corruption can take place. Specific suspicions concerned the process of purchasing machinery, equipment and parts implemented by persons employed in the logistics of this company.

The CBA launched a special operation.

As a result of the operation, on 30th June, the CBA agents detained two logistics employees of a defense company in Warsaw - a moment after accepting the cash constituting an illegal commission for the purchase of parts. Detainees in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk heard charges of economic corruption and were temporarily arrested by a court decision. The Central Anticorruption Bureau found that there could have been many such cases, and the proceeding could last for years.

Two weeks later, the officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau arrested an entrepreneur, who inflated the value of goods delivered to the company from the defense industry by a few percent commission, which after paying the money for invoice, he transferred to the employee of the company as a financial benefit. The following weeks are new detentions and accusations - for an employee of the armaments company and a businessman operating in the electronics industry. In September the CBA agents detained a former employee of the armaments company in Warsaw. He heard charges of a corrupt character.

The Central Anticorruption Bureau and the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk inform the entrepreneurs, who as a result of submitted to them corruption proposals were entangled in this procedure and who gave financial benefits - there is a possibility of using the so-called unpunishability clause resulting from art. 296a § 5 of the Criminal Code.

Pursuant to the Penal Code, the condition for avoiding criminal liability is the voluntary notification of law enforcement authorities - in this case the Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Gdańsk or the Gdańsk prosecutor's office - by the person who gave or promised to grant financial benefit and disclosure of all the circumstances of the crime by it, which must be done earlier than law enforcement agencies will learn about this crime in a different way.

