

Corruption in a defense company - another detainee

Another detainee in the investigation of corrupt dealing disclosed in PIT-RADWAR.

The CBA agents detained another suspect near Warsaw in the investigation of corruption in the company PIT-RADWAR, part of Polska Grupa Zbrojeniowa - in which a number of people, both employed in the company and in cooperating entities, participated.

Person detained by the CBA, is the owner of one of the entities that are a co-operative of the armaments company in the scope of providing refurbished materials and services. He was brought by the CBA officers to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk, where he was charged with corruption. The case concerns the giving - to a person employed in an armaments company as a purchasing specialist - financial benefits in exchange for the actions of that employee bearing the characteristics of an act of unfair competition.

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 that make up the Polish Armaments Group - PIT RADWAR SA, corruption may occur. Specific suspicions concerned the purchase of machinery, equipment and parts to them implemented by those employed in the logistics of this company.

The CBA has begun a special operation. As a result of this, on June 30, the CBA agents detained two logistics employees of the 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 were charged with corruption and were temporarily arrested by a court decision. The CBA found, that there could have been many such cases, and the dealing could last for years.

Two weeks later, the officers of the CBA detained the entrepreneur, who inflated the value of goods delivered to the company from the defense industry by a few percent commission, which, after paying for invoices, he transferred as a financial benefit to the company's employee. The following weeks are new detentions and charges - for an employee of an armaments company and businessman operating in the electronics industry. In September the CBA agents detained in Warsaw a former employee of an armaments company. He was charged with corruption.

The Central Anticorruption Bureau and the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk inform the entrepreneurs who, as a result of the corruption proposals submitted to them, have been entangled in this procedure and who handed over financial benefit - 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 CBA in Gdańsk or the Gdańsk prosecutor's office - by the person who gave or promised to give financial benefit and disclosure of all the circumstances of the crime, which must be done earlier than law enforcement agencies will learn about this crime in a different way.

