

Next threads on the archaeological scandal

Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Gdańsk conducts proceedings in the case of giving in the years 2005-2011 bribes to Iwona K., provincial inspector in Słupsk field office of the Provincial Office for the Protection of Monuments in Gdańsk. There are 6 suspects in the case. They were charged with money laundering and falsification of documents.

Among the suspects are: former Wielkopolska Provincial Monument Conservator, former employees of the Provincial Office for the Protection of Monuments in Poznań and the Provincial Office for the Protection of Monuments in Gdańsk regional office in Słupsk, as well as two archaeologists. The CBA officials established that Iwona K. invented a corrupt practice in which employees of the Archaeological Museum in Poznań were involved. As part of their business activities, they did archaeological work. These works were commissioned to them by investors indicated by the woman, as well as by the "Cultural Landscape Protection Foundation of Central Pomerania" from Słupsk. Its founder was Iwona K. The Foundation acted as a "straw person". She was supposed to camouflage corrupt practices. It was on this foundation's account that bribes from archaeologists were given for recommending them to investors.

In addition, the CBA investigators found that, the woman, to bypass the law that prohibits the work of an official in the area she supervises, used the names of other archaeologists. The works carried out under other names she received as an employee of the Provincial Office for the Protection of Monuments. She cooperated with her counterpart from the Wielkopolska Province, with whom they provided fictitious archaeological services to each other, falsifying the documentation. In the course of the investigation, the CBA agents established that the persons involved in the proceeding thwarted or significantly hampered the investigation.

The suspects were presented with 321 allegations, among others money laundering, falsification of documents and certification of untruth.