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Agents from the Rzeszów Regional Office of the CBA detained in Warsaw the former vice-president (2012-2016) of the Technical Supervision Office, in Podkarpacie - a former Police officer, and in Silesia a specialist in the field of obtaining subsidies. In total to date, in the investigation 12 suspects have been charged, including the former vice-president of the Industrial Development Agency (2014-2015).

In the course of a multithreaded investigation, evidence was collected regarding committing offenses consisting in invoking influences, extorting subsidies constituting property of great value, undertaking mediation in settling matters in institutions having public funds, making promises of granting financial benefits and accepting of such promises, overrunning and unlawful disclosure by the officer of the information and giving and accepting bribes.

According to the findings of the CBA agents, the former policeman invoked influences at the local prosecutor's office. For the money he had to swing favorable settling of the investigation in a criminal case. A specialist in the field of obtaining subsidies worked for a company that submitted to the Enterprise Development Agency documents attesting untruth regarding the financing of a project worth 15 million PLN. The woman played an active, key part in creating of this documentation.

The vice-president (2012-2016) of the Technical Supervision Office, detained by the CBA, according to the Bureau's agents, took financial benefit in the form of a high position in a private company - just after his release from UDT he became a vice-president of one of the leading Polish IT companies. The CBA agents had already detained the president of the company earlier in this investigation, but in another thread.

In return for the position, the former UDT vice-president was to invoke influences and undertake the swinging of the case in favor of the company - exciting about 50 million PLN of contractual penalties charged by GITD in connection with the contract for the installation of mobile recording devices in vehicles of the inspectorate.

The first operation in this investigation took place in May 2016. As reported then, the officers of the CBA detained the former vice-president of the Industrial Development Agency - Patrycja Z., president of the stock exchange IT company and 4 other people. The case was related to the receipt and giving of financial benefits and the money laundering in 2014 and 2015. All detainees were presented with corruption allegations - giving and accepting financial benefits and providing assistance in accepting these benefits. In addition, the former vice president of the company of the State Treasury - Industrial Development Agency - heard the charge of exceeding her warrants, and one of the people money laundering.

Further detentions in this investigation took place at the end of June 2017. The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Rzeszów detained four people related to, among others, unfavorable regulation of assets of great value to the detriment of the State Treasury and corruption-related crimes. Among the people detained by the CBA there were two businessmen, the secretary of the Sieniawa Town and Commune and an employee of this office. The case concerned submission to the Rzeszów Agency for Enterprise Development unreliable documents, attesting untruth and obtaining public funding on their basis - resulting in an unfavorable regulation of property in the amount of approx. 15 million zł.

The proceeding is conducted by the CBA Regional Office in Rzeszów and is supervised by the Mazovian Terrain Division of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

Activities are ongoing. The officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau do not rule out subsequent detentions and extension of the list of charges.

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