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Millions "laundered" by a foundation operating in the Caribbean

Agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Lublin detained the founder and president of the Polish foundation operating in the Caribbean, a businessman, the president of a company conducting accounting activity and two other persons cooperating with the detainees.

This is a multithreaded investigation, which concerns, inter alia, money laundering in the amount of several million zlotys - receiving crime proceeds from abroad and from Poland, among others to the foundation's accounts, in order to hide their source. This money - over 4 million zlotys - came from, among others, actions to the detriment of one of the Silesian companies, from unjustified payments to the businessman. Another thread concerns invoking influences by the president of the foundation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and taking up mediation in obtaining permission to issue an entry visa to Poland for citizens of one of the Middle East countries in exchange for transferring money to the foundation she managed. Another thread connected with the first one - is issuing fictitious VAT invoices by the foundation in favor of a businessman's company.

The CBA agents searched the detainees' apartments, the Warsaw headquarters of the foundation, accounting offices, headquarters of companies associated with the detainees to disclose and secure evidence of crime, in particular telephones, storage media, computers, VAT invoices, documents regarding cooperation with the foundation - contracts, invoices, notes, minutes, financial settlements.

Detainees will hear charges in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw. The investigation is underway, the CBA will analyze the collected evidence, as well as the one secured today. Further detentions and further accusations are not ruled out.

The investigation of the CBA and the prosecutor's office has been going on for nearly two years and the crime itself has been dated since 2015.

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