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## Half a million euros in a suitcase. 5 detainees caught red-handed. Money laundering

Agents from the Łódź Regional Office of the CBA detained as a result of a special operation 5 persons involved in money laundering. The detention took place in one of the hotels near Warsaw, just after the Warsaw businessman took a suitcase of 500,000 Euro which were proceeds of crime. The rest of the detainees were to be, among others, his bodyguards on the spot.

The entire operation of the CBA agents from Łódź was dynamic. The group was very careful in conducting their illegal business and did not expect to be detained. They were surprised.

The findings of the CBA show that for 10% commission, the businessman and a group of partners were to launder half a million euros - to take actions in order to put the money into legitimate trade. The CBA findings also indicate that fictitious VAT invoices as well as more complex operations and financial instruments were to be used in this process.

The collected materials will now be transferred to the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw, where the persons detained by the CBA will be charged.

Activities carried out by the CBA agents from Łódź are ongoing. The case is developmental, other threads will be investigated and whether this type of procedure was used by the detained group before.



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