## CENTRAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU

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## 8 detainees. 28 million zł extorted by an official receiver, lawyer and a group of businessmen

Among the detainees caught by the CBA agents from Warsaw is a former prosecutor, currently a legal adviser and managers of companies used to withdraw money from the bankruptcy estate. 28 million 600 thousand zlotys have been extorted to the detriment of a company specializing in the construction and repair of railway infrastructure through fictitious contracts and invoices.

The Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Warsaw, under the supervision of the Lower Silesian Terrain Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Wroclaw, conducts activities in the investigation of overrunning powers by transferring money from the bankruptcy estate and acting to the detriment of bankrupt companies, among others, owner of a hotel and conference center, a railway infrastructure repair company, a housing cooperative, a construction company modernizing public hospitals, a printing house and a large paper warehouse. The money withdrawn from the bankruptcy estate was laundered using a series of fictitious business entities. Until today, in the investigation, 8 persons were charged. These include corruption charges. One of the previously investigated threads in the investigation is the unfavorable sale of the hotel and conference center in Warsaw, which causes damage in large sizes. The official receiver should act to optimally use the assets of the bankrupt in order to satisfy the creditors. It did not happen in this situation. The value of the enterprise was at least 31 million 153 thousand zł, and the official receiver led to its sale for less than a third of this amount - for 9 million 351 thousand zł. The losses of this consortium amounted to over 21 million 800 thousand zł. The officers from the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw detained in April last year persons involved in the case, among others, official receiver Tomasz S.

Now the time has come for another operation in this investigation. The CBA agents have detained today 8 persons, who will be charged with, among others, acting in an organized criminal group, misappropriation, tax offenses, abuse of powers, actions to the detriment of bankrupt companies, making a crime a permanent source of income and forgery. Among the detained there is a former prosecutor, currently legal counsel and persons managing companies used to withdraw money from the bankrupt estates. The CBA agents are searching the detainees' apartments and the headquarters of companies involved in the issuing of fictitious invoices. These activities are carried out in Warsaw and its vicinity, Gdańsk, Lublin and Krakow.

The CBA findings indicate that at least 28 million 600 thousand zlotys were swindled by the official receiver and the group acting to the detriment of a company specializing in the construction and repair of railway infrastructure. The bases for their operation were fictitious contracts and defrayed invoices for never-completed services.

The investigators do not rule out further detentions and extension of the list of charges.