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13 persons detained from the group of "disguises". For 1 million zlotys, he was arranging a release from the arrest

This operation is another scene of the investigation conducted by the CBA Regional Office in Katowice. The detainees pretended to be ABW and SKW agents. They invoked influences in the administration of justice and special services. They demanded and accepted financial benefits in exchange for fixing matters. Today, the list of detainees has increased to 13.

Investigative findings indicate that the Warsaw entrepreneur, who was detained today, was to invoke influences and take up a case conducted by the prosecutor's office in Wielkopolska, in exchange for about 1 million zł to release several suspects from preliminary custody, who were charged with, among others, beating and kidnapping.

The CBA agents searched the flat and company's headquarters of the detained in terms of securing documents, items that could be evidence in the ongoing investigation, as well as assets subject to seizure.

The investigation concerns an organized criminal group, whose members invoked influences in a number of state institutions, ministries and special services: the Military Counterintelligence Service (SKW), the Internal Security Agency (ABW) and the CBA and undertook mediation in fixing various issues in return for financial benefits or their promise.

The first eight detentions in the case took place in January 2018. The prosecutor then accused the persons detained by the CBA of, among others, participation in an organized criminal group and committing other crimes, including corruption. The court

applied, at the time, to 5 detainees temporary arrest.

The findings of the investigation indicate that the group offered in return for financial benefits, inter alia, shedding of a "protective umbrella of services" and entering the company into an invented, unreal "list of special companies" run by the Ministry of Finance. This was to result in not conducting any control or investigative measures against it.

In another case, the victim was made to believe and was to be fully convinced that for many months he worked for the Polish state and in fact he worked and acted for the benefit of the criminal group.

For the next field operation we had to wait three months. Among the four persons detained on 18 April this year was the former Minister of Justice Andrzej K. (2004-2005) and former officer of the Military Information Services. These people associated with the "disguisers" impersonated officers of, among others, the Military Counter-Intelligence Service and the Internal Security Agency, and in exchange for financial benefits they undertook to fix official matters towards established entrepreneurs.

According to the CBA findings, the group operated from July 2015 to December 2017.

The investigation is conducted by the Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Katowice under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Katowice.

The case is ongoing, further detentions are not ruled out as well as the extension of the list of charges.