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Investigation on GetBack. The number of detainees is increasing

Joint activities of the Warsaw Regional Office of the CBA and the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw. The CBA agents detained a businessman who invoked influences in special services and was to lead to the dissemination by the media of information compromising the majority shareholder of the GetBack SA. This is the 10th detainee caught in the last four weeks of an intense investigation of numerous irregularities in the operation of the GetBack SA capital group.

The investigation conducted by the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw concerns, among others, causing damage to property of great size in the course of trade to the detriment of the GetBack SA, systematic siphoning of millions of zlotys from the company based on sham contracts to achieve personal gain, hiding evidence, using counterfeit documents. The case also includes crimes of manipulation of financial instruments and public disclosure of untruths about the company's activities.

The CBA officers detained a businessman, who acted in order to gain financial advantage, among others, jointly and in consultation with the former President of the Management Board of the GetBack SA and a former Managing Director of the GetBack SA.

The man has already been charged in the prosecutor's office. The findings of the CBA and the prosecutor's office indicate, that the businessman, by invoking influences in special services, in exchange for a financial benefit of not less than 3 million zł in cash, was to take action to bring about, among others, searches at the headquarters of the majority shareholder of the GetBack SA. This, in turn, was to lead to the dissemination by the media of information compromising this shareholder.

In order for the agreed money to be paid out, an apparent "service provision" contract was concluded. The illegal activities - that were the subject of allegations - took place in the first half of 2018.

The investigators from the CBA had already worked hard in this investigation - they interviewed a total of over 70 people - including officials from the Polish Financial Supervision Authority and the GetBack SA, they secured volumes of documentation and electronic data. On June 16, agents from the Warsaw Regional Office of the CBA detained at Chopin Airport, Konrad K. - former President of the Board of Getback S.A. and at home in Warsaw Ursynów Piotr B. - representative of an economic entity who cooperated with the former President of the Board of the Getback S.A.

Former president of the Getback SA. Konrad K. was charged with, among other things: attempting to bring the Polish Development Fund to S.A. to an unfavorable regulation of its property, by misleading about the actual financial condition of the Getback SA and submitting unreliable documents for the Getback S.A. loans in the amount of 250 million zł and causing the Getback S.A. property damage of over 15 million zł on the basis of not implemented but paid off, apparent contracts for the provision of consulting and marketing services concerning the issuance of bonds and cooperation. Another allegation concerns a similar nature, an amount of at least 7 million zł and a contract "for the provision of services in the field of security in business". Detained by the CBA - Piotr B. heard accusations regarding this agreement and acting in order to obtain financial benefits. The former president of the Getback SA also heard the allegations of crimes concerning the public dissemination of false data in the current report of the company that could be misleading as to the value of financial instruments issued by the Getback S.A. company, against the prohibition of such manipulations on the market. Details about the charges in its news were published by the prosecutor's office.

On June 26, the CBA agents from Warsaw detained two more suspects: Katarzyna M. former Director of the Office of the Board of the Getback SA and Szczepan D.-M. president of the Polish Brokerage House. Former Director of the Board Office of the Getback SA is suspected of destroying company's documents, covering up traces of committed crimes and helping their perpetrators to avoid criminal responsibility. She was also supposed to instruct persons associated with the Getback SA, what to do to effectively destroy evidence owned by them. President of the Polish Brokerage House - Szczepan D.-M. was charged by the prosecutor with acting jointly and in consultation with the former president of the board of the Getback SA, suspected Konrad K., to the detriment of this company. According to investigative findings, he was the co-founder of a network of companies which, based on sham contracts, served to siphon from the Getback SA amounts constituting property of great value.

The CBA officers also detained in Warsaw and the Mazowieckie Province former members of the Getback SA management board: vice-president Anna P., Marek P. and

Bożena S., brother of the suspect S. Dariusz S. and Kinga M., who signed an apparent contract to the detriment of the company for over 4 mln zł. The charges against the five persons detained by the CBA concern, inter alia, causing the GetBack SA damage to property in large sizes, misappropriation of more than 2 million zł from the GetBack by transfer without legal title, use of previously falsified demand documents for early redemption of GetBack SA bonds and an apparent contract for more than 4 million zł. Investigators determined that the detainees acted in order to gain financial benefit jointly and in agreement, inter alia, with the former President of the Board of the GetBack SA.

9 persons detained earlier by the CBA by court decision were temporarily arrested. A surety of 1 million zł, police supervision and a ban on leaving the country combined with the retention of a passport were applied to one person.

Activities in this multithreaded investigation are ongoing. The evidence is analyzed, new circumstances of the case are being disclosed. Further detentions and charges can not be ruled out.

