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Regional Office of the CBA in Rzeszów - another 4 persons detained in the case of the Court of Appeal in Krakow

The Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Rzeszów detained another 4 persons involved in the case of "siphoning" money from the Court of Appeal in Krakow. Three of them are employees of the Finance and Control Department of the Court of Appeal in Krakow, the fourth - is an employee of this unit. According to the evidence gathered in the case, the detainees took part in an organized criminal group operating in the Court of Appeal in Krakow and committed money laundering by concluding false civil law contracts with companies that appropriated money from the Court of Appeal in Krakow. Due to the concluded contracts they gained financial benefits from 28 to 180 thousand zł.

In the course of the case, it was established that at the Court of Appeal in Krakow, property of great values was appropriated since 2011, in connection with the spending of public funds in the course of single-source procurement. The money was "siphoned" from the Court of Appeal by concluding contracts with the companies that were not actually implemented, and they were only supposed to create the appearance that the services were performed and justify the payment of money. The employees of the Court of Appeal in Krakow participated in this dealing, including president of the court, director of the court, deputy director, chief accountant, deputy chief accountant, and chief procurement specialist. The operation of criminal activity was possible by organizing a network of about twenty companies related by capital and personally, receiving fictitious orders from the Court of Appeal in Krakow. These companies, in turn, corrupted employees of the Court of Appeal by providing them with fictitious orders, which ensured their favor and discretion - caused fear of disciplinary and criminal liability in the event of the crime being revealed.

So far, suspects have been presented with charges of misappropriation of over 30

million zł at the disposal of the Court of Appeal in Krakow. In the case there are already 30 suspects.

