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The former chairman of the KNF has been detained. Corruption charges

The agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw have detained the former Chairman of the Financial Supervision Commission Marek Ch.

The detention, in order to bring charges, was possible due to the intense work of the CBA officers in the last days - searches, interrogations of many witnesses, securing evidence, documentation, recordings, electronic equipment, data carriers.

Activities in the investigation were also conducted by the Internal Security Agency, which carried out the expertise of the recording provided by Leszek Czarnecki for the prosecutor's office. The ABW's expert opinion was of key importance for the criminal and legal assessment of the material provided by Leszek Czarnecki.

The detained former chairman of the KNF will be transferred to the Silesian Division of the National Public Prosecutor's Office in Katowice today, where he will be charged with corruption.

Previously, the CBA officers carried out a series of activities in this investigation to clarify the circumstances of operations of the former Chairman of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority:

- The investigation was initiated by the decision of the Prosecutor's Office, on 14 November 2018, it was entrusted to conduct by the CBA;
- On 14 November 2018 at 12:35 the CBA received from the Prosecutor's Office a warrant to search the headquarters of the KNF and the residence of the former chairman of the KNF, Marek Ch. The CBA agents immediately after receiving the order from the prosecutor's office entered the headquarters of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority in Warsaw and secured evidence -

minutes and recordings of the KNF meetings regarding Getin Bank recovery proceedings, update of the recovery program, protection of Getin Bank capital and KNF meetings regarding the situation in Idea Bank SA, in particular, the acquisition of shares in GetBack SA and the sale of GetBack SA bonds.

- The CBA agents secured all the required evidence that was covered by the decision of the prosecutor's office. These documents and recordings were not in the chairman's office itself, but in other organizational units of the KNF.
- At the headquarters of the KNF and at the apartment of Marek Ch. documentation was secured, as well as electronic equipment and electronic date carriers, which were used by the former KNF Chairman;
- The activities performed by Marek Ch. on the morning of 14 November 2018 at the headquarters of the Financial Supervision Authority were determined. These findings indicate that while Mark Ch. was in the KNF he was assisted by an employee of the of the Commission, and his visit did not affect the effectiveness of the activities performed by the CBA;
- Within a few days the CBA interrogated 11 people, including att. Grzegorz Kowalczyk, employees of the KNF Office, and employees of entities affiliated with L. Czarnecki;
- The CBA together with the ABW conducted an experiment in Marek.Ch's office regarding the functioning of "anti-eavesdropping devices";
- The Office for Forensic Research of the ABW conducted an expert opinion on recordings and date carriers provided by L. Czarnecki to the prosecutor's office on 19 November 2018 (voice recorder, pen with camera, pen drive).
 The expert opinion is to show, among others, whether data stored on the data carriers were manipulated.
- The CBA has secured video surveillance records at the headquarters of the KNF;
- The Department of Control Proceedings of the CBA on 16 November 2018 initiated the pre-control analysis of asset declarations of the former chairman of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority. The CBA agents investigate the veracity of the statements made. We also verify their correctness formal matters related to the submission of these documents. The analysis will end with a recommendation regarding further activities of the Bureau in this regard.

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