

Councilor from Oborniki detained for bribes

The CBA has caught red-handed a councilor of the City Council in Oborniki, in the act of accepting the next tranche of a bribe in exchange for mediation in obtaining a positive decision on the spatial development plan.

The officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau conduct under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Poznań proceedings concerning corruption practice and invoking influences at the local-government institutions in Oborniki. In connection with this case, agents of the Bureau have detained two persons, including the councilor of the City Council in Oborniki. The man was caught right after he accepted a bribe in the amount of PLN 20 thousand. Earlier, he accepted PLN 10 thousand, and the target amount of the bribe was to be PLN 110 000. In return for the material benefit, he undertook to resolve a local spatial development plan in a way that would allow a construction investment to be carried out by a company from the Greater Poland Voivodeship. The second detained person participated in the practice as an intermediary.

The agents of the CBA in Poznań simultaneously have searched the Municipality and the Communal Office of Oborniki and the places of residence of the detainees.

Both man will be transferred to the Prosecutor's Office, where they will be charged.

The Central Anti-Corruption Bureau reminds that persons who were involved in corruption and gave a material benefit have a possibility to avail themselves of the so-called impunity clause, resulting from the Art. 229 § 6 of the Criminal Code.

Pursuant to the Criminal Code, the condition of avoiding criminal liability, if the material or personal benefit or its promise was accepted by a person performing public function, is a voluntary notification to the body responsible for the prosecution – in this case, the Regional Office of the CBA in Poznań or the relevant Prosecutor's

Office. The perpetrator must notify about this fact before the authority learned about it and disclose all the relevant circumstances of the offense.



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