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Pyramid scheme. 2 thousand people cheated. Further detainees

The CBA officers detained three persons in connection with an investigation into a pyramid scheme in which over 2 thousand people lost at least PLN 600 million. Previously, 30 other suspects have been presented with charges in connection with this case.

On the territory of the Mazovian voivodship, the officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained three individuals involved in the activities of an organised crime group who set up and managed a pyramid scheme. Today's detainees are another element of the scheme. All findings indicate that they participated in money laundering by operating in economic entities on the territory of Mazowsze.

In the years 2012 - 2017, the group managed four closed-end non-public investment funds. Certifications of the funds were offered via banks. In order to obtain a financial advantage, the employees of the banks committed fraudulent misrepresentation by convincing the buyers that the products they were offering were secured with bank guarantees or were ordinary bank deposits. Current findings indicate that criminal activities of the group lead over 2000 people to a loss of at least PLN 600 million. It has been estimated that the funds might have suffered a loss of over PLN 90 million.

The detainees will be presented with charges in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Łódź. Previously, 30 suspects heard charges of fraud, acting to the detriment of the funds, and participation in the criminal activities of the organised crime group. Six of the detainees are remanded in custody.



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