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Bribes for information. 11 individuals detained the CBA

The Central Anti-Corruption Bureau, supported by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Lublin, interrupted favourable treatment of a company whose representatives gave bribes in exchange for the award of contracts or disclosure of relevant information. The CBA officers detained 11 individuals. The court applied a pre-trial detention against five suspects.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw have been carrying out an investigation into criminal activities of an organised crime group giving financial advantages to the employees of several enterprises operating in Lubelskie and Świętokrzyskie Voivodeships. The officers' findings indicate that the representatives of a company in Lubusz provided financial gratifications to representatives of several enterprises operating in heavy industry in exchange for the award of contracts or disclosure of information relevant during the procedure for selecting a supplier, and thus for unfair competition.

The total amount of the financial advantages reached at least PLN 390 thousand. Furthermore, it has been found that the profits were somewhat legalised by means of sham work contracts and accounted for by the issuing of false invoices by the company cooperating with the group.

In connection with this case, the CBA officers have detained 11 individuals in Lubelskie, Świętokrzyskie, Warmińsko-Mazurskie, and Lubuskie Voivodeships - representatives of the companies involved in the criminal activities - who were presented with charges at the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Lublin, overseeing the ongoing proceedings. At the request of the Public Prosecutor's Office, the court has applied pre-trial detention with a conversion to bail from PLN 70 to 300 thousand. Non-custodial preventive measures have been applied against the other detainees.

At the same time, the officers carried out searches of 6 premises throughout the country.

We remind that people performing managerial functions in companies, as well as other employees, may be held liable for accepting or giving financial or personal advantages. A penalty may be avoided where a financial or a personal advantage or promise thereof was accepted and the person who gave it notified a law enforcement authority about the fact. The notifier must disclose all significant circumstances of the criminal offence before the law enforcement authority has heard about it from a different source.

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