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Former president and former board member detained on suspicion of million-euro extortion of EU funds

The CBA has detained two individuals who participated in extortion of over PLN 1 million of EU funding. The funds were paid out by the Małopolski Regional Office of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture. The detainees have already faced charges in the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Kraków, jointly with the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Kraków, have been carrying out an investigation into obtaining funds, intended for financial support, from the Małopolski RO of the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture by presenting unreliable financial documents. The CBA officers have detained two further managers of the defunct Beskids Group of Fruit and Vegetable Producers.

In the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków, the detained chairman and the board member faced charges of acting to the detriment of the company, certifying untruthful documents which were submitted to ARiMR, thanks to which they obtained more than PLN 1 million of undue funding for the formation of the group and carrying out administrative activities, as well as an attempt to extort compensation in excess of PLN 1.5 million from an insurance company. Moreover, the evidence gathered indicates that they also induced tax authorities into error by incorrect drafting of their tax returns. The charges cover the years 2010 - 2013. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against the detainees.

Six persons had previously been given the status of suspects in the course of the proceedings.

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