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The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Gdańsk, by order of the Regional Prosecution Office in Lublin, have detained four further individuals suspected of extortion of EU funds from the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development in Warsaw.

This is another line in the investigation into the extortion of PLN 10 million from the EU fund under the Innovative Economy Operational Programme for investment in the production of luxury yachts by one of the renowned Gdańsk companies.

The detainees are individuals associated with the companies in which they performed different functions, and also individuals who were involved as the so-called shells.

The practice took place from at least 2014. It consisted in apparent acquisitions of the company shares and the submission by the shells of documents which attested an untruth and which were relevant for obtaining millions of grants.

The CBA and prosecution's findings indicate that the submission of applications for EU support, containing false data, resulted in the misinformation of the representatives of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development as to the actual allocation of the funds, thereby leading to disadvantageous disposal of property of significant value. The suspects were aiming to extort more than PLN 38 million, of which the company received PLN 10 million.

So far, 8 individuals have been detained in connection with this case. Previously, the CBA officers from Gdańsk carried out detentions in August last year.

The CBA officers are searching over 20 locations, including the places of residence and the premises connected with the suspects' activities.

The investigation is still in progress. There are possible further detentions of people

involved in criminal activities at different levels.

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