Loan extortion. Two individuals were detained

Two individuals were detained by the CBA in connection with the proceedings concerning an organised crime group.

The investigators of the CBA Regional Office in Katowice and the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice have been investigating the activities of an organised crime group dealing with loan extortion. The group operated throughout Poland in the years 2014-2015.

Two men have been detained in the Silesian voivodship in connection with this case. One of the detainees is an entrepreneur, who was involved, among other things, in the preparation of documentation that certified untrue statements, and was submitted to banks. Thereby, bank employees were misled as to the creditworthiness of companies controlled by the members of the criminal group. The findings resulting from the evidence indicate that one of the detainees assisted to extort loans covered by de minimis guarantees (guarantees securing the repayment of a loan) of the Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, worth almost PLN 10 million.

The detainees have faced charges in the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice. The entrepreneur was charged with aiding and abetting in extorting loans. The other detainee faced a charge of participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against them.

Recently, charges have also been brought against three other persons. They have heard charges of participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, submitting documents certifying an untruth to obtain loans and extort loans.

The investigation is ongoing. Further evidence is being secured.

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