

Doctor suspected of corruption

166 charges including accepting financial advantages, fraud, submitting false statements and money laundering have been brought against a former head of the General and Vascular Surgery Unit of the Specialist Hospital named after Professor A. Sokołowski in Zdunowo who has been detained by the CBA.

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Szczecin have detained a doctor - former head of the General and Vascular Surgery Unit of the Specialist Hospital named after Professor A. Sokołowski in Zdunowo. The operation was carried out in connection with the proceedings conducted under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, which involve the suspicion of undertaking activities which could frustrate or significantly impede the determination of the criminal origin of the means of payment derived from fraud and financial advantages accepted in connection with the performance of a public function by accepting the funds to the benefit of the Transplant Support Foundation under the pretence of voluntary contributions to the Foundation's statutory purposes.

In the course of the proceedings, extensive evidence was gathered, including the questioning of about 250 witnesses and documentation securing during searches.

It has been established that the suspect qualified patients for surgery in a private office, informing them that it was possible to perform the procedure at the expense of the National Health Fund, but the waiting time would be up to 2 years or privately, even in a few days. In such a case, there was a need for the patient to 'participate' in the costs of 10 000, 00 PLN. The amount was to be paid into the account of the Transplant Support Foundation. All evidence indicates that the payments coming from patients as part of the internal settlements of the foundation were allocated to the hospital ward run by the suspect, and then in the amount of almost PLN 450,000.00

were transferred to his private account.

Moreover, in the course of the investigation it has been established that the detainee had committed a criminal offence of making false statements while participating in the hospital's tender committee - a declaration of impartiality. All indicates that the detainee received money as remuneration from one of the pharmaceutical companies, which won the procurement procedure for the supply of medical equipment for the hospital.

In total, in the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, the detainee was charged with 166 offences, including accepting financial advantages, fraud, making false statements and money laundering of over PLN 1.5 million. The prosecutor applied bail in the amount of PLN 600,000.

The investigation is under development.

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