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CBA protects the economic interest of the State

Four persons issuing unreliable invoices in connection with projects for the modernization of the thermal system have been detained by the CBA. One of them attempted to defraud PLN 7 million of subsidies from the Ministry of Investment and Development. The investigators' operations interrupted the disbursement of the funds.

The CBA Regional Office in Poznań, under the supervision of the Wielkopolska Local Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption at the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, has been investigating the issuing of invoices that do not reflect real economic events of the implementation of projects for the modernization and expansion of the thermal system.

The new CBA investigation covers the period 2018-2019 and is nationwide in nature.

Four persons have been detained in connection with the case and have already heard charges in the prosecutor's office. An entrepreneur and three presidents of companies from Poznań, Szamotuły and Białogard are among the detainees. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against them.

All evidence indicates that the detainees issued and used invoices of a total value exceeding PLN 10 million, certifying untruths as to the circumstances which could be of significance for the determination of the amount of public law liabilities and their return in the scope of budget liabilities under tax on goods and services. The investigators have estimated that as a result of the suspects' activities, the State Treasury could have incurred losses amounting to at least PLN 1.8 million.

The investigators' findings also indicate that the president of the Poznań company, aiming to obtain co-financing of over PLN 2 million, misled the employees of the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (NFOŚiGW) as to

the scope of works performed under the agreement on co-financing for the project "Modernization and extension of the Municipal Heat Distribution System in Szamotuły".

Moreover, he attempted to defraud more than PLN 7 million from the Ministry of Investment and Development by applying for project co-financing. The evidence gathered in the case reveals that while applying for co-financing, he submitted a document in the form of a profit and loss account of the company, which attested an untruth, thus misleading the Ministry's employees as to the company's financial situation. The suspect did not achieve the intended purpose due to the fact that as a result of the CBA officers' identification of irregularities in the company's documentation, the payment of the subsidy was suspended and the prosecution initiated an investigation into the case.

The case is in progress. Further detentions may take place.

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