

Unauthorised education subsidies - further detentions and charges

Further persons have been detained for the investigation into the extortion of nearly PLN 80 million from educational subsidies.

Under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Gliwice, the CBA Regional Office in Katowice, in cooperation with the Voivodeship Police Headquarters in Katowice, has been carrying out pre-trial proceedings concerning extortion of funds from educational subsidies for running non-public schools with the rights of public schools for adults, worth over PLN 80 million. In July 2022, the organisers of the offence, Mieszko A. and Aleksandra K., were detained and until now, by the decision of the Court, they have been remanded in custody. In total, the charges have been brought against 11 persons.

The thread entrusted to the CBA relates to the offences of laundering money obtained from criminal acts. Under this thread, the CBA officers have detained a total of seven suspects, three of whom were arrested in November. Some of them were charged with acting in an organised crime group, and all of them were charged with leading to the disadvantageous disposition of property originating from public funds to obtain financial gain, and with possessing and accepting advantages related to the commission of a prohibited act described above.

Due to the investigators' activities, property worth approximately PLN 37 million has been secured towards future penalties, including real estate, cash and funds on accounts, cars and paintings. The investigation is developing, and activities related to identifying and securing the suspects' possessions are being conducted on an ongoing basis.

