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Business-minded humanist detained

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau detained a woman who pretended to be a lawyer cooperating with a well-known Warsaw law firm. Financial benefits and claiming influence are in the background of the case. This is another thread in the investigation supervised by the Podkarpacki Subdivision of the Department for Organised Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów.

On 23 July 2024, officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice detained a woman in Toruń who, in order to gain a financial benefit, induced the belief that she was providing legal services in cooperation with the law firm of a well-known professor of one of Warsaw's universities and had influence in, among others, the Ministry of Finance and Radio Maryja.

Officers searched several locations in Warsaw, Toruń, Oleśnica and Tychy, including the premises of business entities and accounting offices. Further evidence in the investigation was secured, including electronic media, accounting and financial documentation and correspondence.

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice, Wrocław and Bydgoszcz participated in the implementation.

Links to a well-known lawyer

According to the findings of CBA officers, in the period from September 2021 to August 2023, the woman, acting with the aim of gaining a financial benefit, induced certain persons to believe that she had legal education and provided legal services in cooperation with the law firm of a well-known Warsaw lawyer. She also claimed influence in state institutions including the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Finance.

She accepted financial benefit as a fee, assuring that the cases would be successfully resolved. As a result of these actions, she led to a disadvantageous disposal of property in the amount of at least PLN 500,000.

The woman held a degree in humanities and ran a sole proprietorship.

Preventive Measures Applied

The detainee was led to the Podkarpacki Subdivision of the Department for Organised Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów. She was charged under Article 230 §1 and Article 286 §1 of the Penal Code in conjunction with Article 294 §1 of the Penal Code.

The court agreed to the Prosecutor's request and applied temporary detention to the suspect for a period of three months.

Ongoing Case

The procedural implementation is related to a multi-threaded investigation conducted by the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice in the case of claiming influence, inter alia, in state institutions and accepting financial benefits by a well-known Warsaw lawyer Waldemar G., who was detained on 23 April 2024 on the order of the Podkarpacki Subdivision of the Department for Organised Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów.

The Prosecutor charged the man under Article 230 of the Penal Code and Article 286 of the Penal Code, i.e. claiming influence and disadvantageous disposal of property, and requested a custodial measure to be applied. The Court, agreeing to the Prosecutor's motion, applied temporary detention to the suspect for a period of 3 months, which was extended until 20 October 2024.

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