

Secured evidence documentation

Officers of the Central Anti-corruption Bureau secured documentation belonging to several business entities from the Częstochowa and Katowice regions, as well as from the Częstochowa City Office and the Silesian Voivodeship Marshal's Office. The activities were conducted as part of an investigation into the acceptance of financial benefits by the vice-marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship.

The Silesian Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Katowice is supervising an investigation into the acceptance of financial and personal benefits by a person holding a public office in exchange for taking care of matters at the Częstochowa City Office and the Silesian Voivodeship Marshal's Office with a favorable attitude towards the persons providing the benefits.

Using the function performed

The findings of the preparatory proceedings indicate that the local government official accepted financial and personal benefits from persons conducting business activities, particularly in the city of Częstochowa, at least several times during his term as vice-marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship and previously vice-president of the city of Częstochowa in connection with his public function.

Bartłomiej S. was detained on 23rd October 2024 by officers of the Central Anti-corruption Bureau. The prosecutor presented him with corruption charges concerning accepting financial benefits in connection with his functions as vice-marshal of the Silesian Voivodeship and vice-president of Częstochowa. The court applied a preventive measure in the form of temporary arrest to the suspect, and the Court of Appeal upheld the decision, sharing the argument that only an isolation measure

would secure the proper course of proceedings.

Analysis of evidence

CBA officers are examining secured evidence in terms of the provision of services by various business entities from Silesia and their obtaining favors in local government units from the Silesian Voivodeship in exchange for providing financial and personal benefits. The case is developing.

Non-punishment clause

CBA informs that persons who have been entangled in corruption and have given financial benefits have the opportunity of using the so-called non-punishment clause, specified in art. 229 § 6 of the Penal Code.

This article states that: *The perpetrator of the offence specified in § 1-5 shall not be subject to punishment if a financial or personal benefit or its promise has been accepted by a person performing a public function, and the perpetrator has notified an authority established for the prosecution of offences and disclosed all relevant circumstances of the offence before the authority became aware of it.*

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