

## Money laundering charges

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Officers of the Central Anti-corruption Bureau have detained seven people in Wielkopolska, including four entrepreneurs operating in the manufacturing and service sector, in connection with an investigation into irregularities in obtaining EU funding. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin.

The detentions are related to an investigation conducted by officers of the CBA Regional Office in Szczecin into the unfavourable disposal of property of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management and the Ministry of Funds and Regional Policy in connection with the granting of funding.

After being brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, the detained individuals were charged with operating in an organised criminal group, fraud in relation to property of significant value and certifying falsehoods. In this way, the institutions granted them funding in the total amount of PLN 30 million.

As part of the criminal procedure, the suspects overstated the amount of incurred costs of implemented investments, purchases of goods and services and submitted unreliable VAT invoices. Investigators determined that funds spent as part of the subsidy in the amount of PLN 23 million and over EUR 1.2 million were returned to the beneficiary's account with the help of related entities, as part of fictitious loan agreements and other economic events. An Estonian company was also established for this purpose.

Preventive measures of non-custodial nature were applied to 5 suspects, including property guarantees in the amount of almost PLN 900 thousand. In relation to two people, the Court, at the request of the prosecutor, applied temporary arrest for a

period of 3 months.

This is the first procedural implementation in the conducted preparatory proceedings.  
Further activities are planned.

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