

## Extorted public funds

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Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained two men. The entrepreneurs allegedly defrauded nearly PLN 2 million in subsidies under the Anti-Crisis Shield. The investigation into this case is supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Wrocław.

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, officers of the CBA Branch Office in Wrocław detained two men in the Wrocław and Kłodzko districts who managed four companies related by capital and personal ties. Documentation related to the activities of these business entities and cash were secured.

As it was established, the companies presented unreliable data regarding turnover and employment, which qualified them for subsidies and grants under the Anti-Crisis Shield related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The financial resources obtained from the support were used in a manner inconsistent with their intended purpose.

Such actions were supposed to lead to the unfavourable disposal of property: Polish Development Fund, the District Labor Office in Kłodzko, the Voivodeship Labour Office in Wałbrzych and the District Labor Office in Wrocław.

The companies managed by two men obtained nearly PLN 2 million in subsidies and co-financing in 2020-2021 in connection with the program for protecting business activity against the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The detainees were brought to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Wrocław, where they were charged with, among others, fraud and money laundering. At the request of the prosecutor, the Court imposed temporary arrest on the suspects for a period of 3 months.

