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Extorted donations

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau detained the presidents of three companies which had received donations from public funds. The investigation into the extortion of donations of over PLN 4.5 million is supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk.

On 11 February 2025, officers from the CBA Regional Office in Gdańsk detained three men who represented business entities operating in the field of innovative services and modern technologies. These companies had received public funding for the implementation of projects. The detentions took place on the territory of the Małopolskie and Łódzkie Voivodeships. Officers secured accounting documentation and digital media.

Fraudulent invoices

The investigation was initiated on the basis of a notification prepared by officers of the CBA's Control Proceedings Department, who, in the course of analytical and informational activities as well as controls, identified a criminal procedure.

According to procedural findings, the detained men were to overestimate the costs of projects co-financed from EU funds. For the fictitious implementation of the projects, unreliable invoices for nearly PLN 10 million documenting events that did not take place were used. As a result of the criminal proceedings, donations of over PLN 4.5 million were extorted.

Preventive measures

The detainees were taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk. The prosecutor charged them with fraud, intellectual forgery, extortion of donations and fiscal offences. By a decision of the prosecutor, non-custodial preventive measures

were applied against the suspects, i.e. police supervision combined with a ban on leaving the country, as well as a ban on contacting specific persons.

The case is ongoing. Further activities are planned.

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