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CBA investigation concluded with an indictment

A multi-threaded investigation conducted by the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA), under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków, has been concluded. The case concerns the acceptance and offering of financial benefits, violations of bankruptcy, liquidation and restructuring procedures, issuing fictitious invoices totaling over PLN 31 million, and money laundering.

On 9 February 2026, a prosecutor from the District Prosecutor's Office in Kraków filed an indictment with the Regional Court in Kraków against eight individuals. This is the result of a year-long investigation conducted since the end of January 2025 by officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków. The collected evidence concerns crimes committed between 2020 and 2024 and comprises 81 volumes of case files.

Multi-threaded CBA investigation

The preparatory proceedings conducted by the CBA covered several threads, including the acceptance of financial benefits and promises thereof in connection with the performance of duties as a court supervisor. A public official, by accepting substantial financial benefits, allegedly facilitated the sale of a debtor's assets to a designated person in the shortest possible time, at a predetermined price, and in violation of numerous provisions of restructuring law. Moreover, acting as a bankruptcy trustee, the same individual allegedly intentionally failed to fulfill obligations under bankruptcy law and acted to the detriment of the private interests of creditors as well as the public interest.

Other threads of the investigation concern the failure to issue VAT invoices and the issuance of invoices certifying untrue transactions by entrepreneurs from the furniture and transport sectors. The total value of the identified invoices that did not

reflect actual business transactions exceeds PLN 31 million. Losses to the State Treasury due to tax irregularities amount to over PLN 16 million.

Results of CBA activities

During the 12-month investigation, officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Kraków carried out three operational actions and detained 13 individuals. During the first operation, activities were conducted in, among others, Sucha Beskidzka, Nowy Targ, Wadowice, Maków Podhalański, and Mucharz. Ten individuals were detained at that time, including entrepreneurs from the furniture and transport sectors and a restructuring advisor. Subsequent operations were carried out in the Myślenice and Wadowice counties, resulting in the detention of three additional individuals.

In the course of the investigation, CBA officers secured electronic equipment, financial and accounting documentation, funds in various currencies totaling over PLN 9 million, and a passenger car valued at PLN 80,000.

Pre-trial detention was applied to four suspects, with the court extending this measure three times in one case.

As part of non-custodial preventive measures, the prosecutor imposed, among others, bail totaling PLN 1.95 million, police supervision, and a ban on contacting specified individuals.

Eight individuals in the dock

CBA officers compiled 81 volumes of evidence. The multi-threaded and complex preparatory proceedings, conducted over less than a year, enabled the preparation of an indictment against eight individuals.

The indictment exceeds 160 pages and includes, among others, issues related to unlawful conduct by a public official in violation of restructuring and bankruptcy law, as well as provisions of the Commercial Companies Code, corruption-related offenses, actions to the detriment of creditors, and tax fraud committed by entrepreneurs from the furniture and transport sectors.

The main charges include corruption of a public official, managerial bribery, abuse of office, as well as bribery, money laundering, falsification of documentation, use of fictitious invoices, failure to issue invoices, and fiscal offenses. The offenses specified in the indictment were committed between 2020 and 2024.

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