
CASE STUDY: CORRUPTION IN A STATE AGENCY

After discovering evidence of fraudulent transfers from its accounts, a government agency asked the FIC and law enforcement agencies for assistance.

The FIC identified a bank account belonging to a construction company and certain financial transactions by individuals allegedly involved in fraudulent transfers. The FIC also identified and traced assets belonging to the subjects of the investigation.

After establishing that the subjects had previously been reported, the FIC requested all relevant financial information from the accountable institutions. Analysis revealed that the construction business account reflected rapid inflows of funds from the government agency. However, none of the transfers out of the account were related to construction activities, and the government agency had no interest in construction services.

The FIC compiled a financial intelligence report and disseminated it to the relevant authorities, who obtained preservation and forfeiture orders for the property, furniture and vehicles purchased with the proceeds of crime. Prosecution is under way.



MONEY LAUNDERING INDICATORS

- Purchasing of high-end goods and properties via attorneys
 - Abuse of businesses and entities (shell company for receipt and distribution of funds)
 - Use of cash and currency (large cash withdrawals and cross-border transfers)
 - Abuse of financial institutions (large withdrawals at tellers)
 - Dormant accounts received sudden huge deposits and rapid withdrawals.
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