

A black and white photograph of a person in profile, wearing a dark suit, counting stacks of US dollar bills. The person is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with their hands and the stacks of money in the foreground. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# The national strategy for the prevention of financial crime in Sweden

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# The keynote speaker

- Now at the head quarter/responsible for our national/strategic work with crime prevention
- Before head for 15 years for a operational unit
- Before operational prosecutor for 10 years on a operational unit

# Content of the presentation

- About SECA and Public Prosecution Service
- Organization
- Cases
- Co-operation
- *Strategy for crime prevention*

# About SECA and Public Prosecution Service

# About Public Prosecution Service/SECA

- Two authorities: The Swedish Prosecution Authority (SPA)/SECA
- Mandate SPA: investigate and prosecute crimes in general
- Mandate SECA: investigate and prosecute/prevent white-collar crime
- Mandator: Government/Ministry of Justice
- Independence: independent from both the courts and the police (since a reorganisation 1965)
- Foundation of SECA: 1998
- Head of SPA: Prosecutor General
- Head of SECA: Director General
- Small authorities: SPA 1340 employees/SECA 580 (police 28 000)

## Vision for SECA

SECA brings about security and justice by preventing and combating economic crime



## Economic crime threatens important public interests like welfare/democracy

- Society, companies and individuals suffer from economic crime
- Often part of large-scale antisocial crime/serious organised crime
- Reputable companies risk being put out of business
- Reduces the resource available to the Government/county councils/municipalities to spend on common needs
- In the long term even threatens democracy



## SECA's role

- Combating economic crime
- Carry out investigations and analysis
- Give advice and take proactive measures
- *Crime prevention*



# Organization

## Operational units för investigation

- Called ”chambers”
- Headed by a Chief prosecutor with a deputy
- The police officers are headed by a Commissioner
- 30 – 60 people



## Intelligence and surveillance

- Central Intelligence Unit at Director-General's Office
- Local Intelligence Units at the operational offices



## Operational Police Units

- Analysis of intelligence
- Surveillance
- Phonetapping
- Forensics (computers cellphones)
- Internet surveillance
- Policing (supports, audits)



## Asset Recovery Office/ARO

- Trace, secure and recover assets from crime



## Working together

- Prosecutors, police officers, financial investigators, analysts and administrators working together in team



# Organization crime prevention

- National level: One fulltime – me !
- Regional level: Five parttime

# Cases



# Statistics about legal proceedings made by SECA

- SECA handles almost 6000 cases annually
- Legal proceedings are taken against almost 1800 persons annually
- Nine out of ten prosecutions instituted by SECA lead to a conviction

## Handle cases concerning

- Book-keeping crimes
- Crimes under the Tax Offences Act
- Dishonesty to creditors
- Crimes under the Companies Act
- Crimes under the Insider Trade Act and Financial instrument Trading Act
- EU-fund Fraud

## Also handles...

- Cases demanding knowledge of financial conditions, the business sector conditions, taxation law or similar.
- Cases concerning qualified economic crime of national extension/international connection or of a principal nature/considerable proportions.

## Case categories/sanctions

- *Crime assessment cases* – 42%

Minor book-keeping crimes/conditional sentence

The cycle time (from report to decision) maximum 50 days

- *Project cases* – 56%

Ordinary crimes/up to 6 months of imprisonment

The cycle time maximum 180 days

- *Particularly demanding cases* – 2%

Aggravated crimes/imprisonment 6 months up to 6 years

The cycle time maximum 365 days

# Co-operation

## Inter-agency cooperation

- Tax Authority – criminal units/fiscal units
- Financial Supervisory Authority
- Police Authority
- National Police Board – FIU
- Enforcement Authority
- Customs Authority
- Trustees, official receivers (bankruptcy)
- External auditors/accountants
- The Swedish Companies Registration Office
- County Administrative Boards

## Mutual legal assistance

- Information from registers and record (address, phone numbers, companies, property/real estate)
- Interviews
- Information from banks
- Confiscating goods
- Wire tapping
- Freezing orders

# Difficulties that may arise

Criminal offence (actual activity, double criminality)

Competent authority

Practical difficulties (for ex. central records regarding bank information)

Rules on secrecy/disseminating documents



# Strategy for crime prevention

- Five years 2014 – 2018
- Separate goals för 2014/2016/2018
- Action plan for every year

## More about the strategy

- Work based on our analysis of intelligence
- Customer perspective
- Valueadding
- Interagency cooperation
- Processorientated
- Integrated in the crime investigation work

# The end

Thank You for Your attention !

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