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## False invoices - further detainees

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau detained four men in connection with issuing and accepting false VAT invoices. The investigation is supervised by District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin.

On 24-25 September 2024, CBA officers detained four entrepreneurs in Warsaw and Włocławek, working in the service and transport sector, who used so-called 'blank invoices' in the course of their business. Officers secured accounting documentation and electronic equipment.

The detainees were taken to the District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin, where they were charged with intellectual forgery of documents in the form of invoices (Article 271a § 2 of the Penal Code), as well as fiscal offences, including tax fraud (Article 56 § 2 of the Fiscal Penal Code).

#### Fictitious business events

Officers from the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Łódź are conducting an investigation into receiving financial benefits and extorting VAT under the supervision of the District Prosecutor's Office in Szczecin.

The findings of the pre-trial investigation indicate that in the period 2019-2021 on the territory of several voivodeships, a group of business entities was active and issued false invoices that did not reflect the actual economic turnover.

Fictitious documents were used to understate the VAT that was due. These actions exposed the State Treasury to a VAT loss of at least PLN 9 million.

# Ongoing Case

It is the fourth implementation in the ongoing preparatory proceedings. Until now, 13 people were charged in the investigation. Further implementations are planned.

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