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False invoices – further detainees

Fictitious economic events, fraudulent invoices for more than PLN 5 million, four people detained; this is the next implementation of the CBA in a multi-threaded investigation into the 'production' of fraudulent VAT invoices on a large scale. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

On 17 October 2024, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw detained 3 men and a woman, conducting business activities in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship. The detentions were made as part of an investigation conducted by CBA officers into the activities of an organised criminal group, on the territory of several voivodeships, which in the years 2019-2022 was involved in issuing fraudulent invoices and their distribution. The group's activities were alleged to have led to the State Treasury being exposed to a VAT loss of at least PLN 32 million.

Charges for entrepreneurs

According to the findings of the investigation, the detained entrepreneurs repeatedly used false invoices that did not reflect real economic events. The detainees were brought to the District Public Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw, where they heard charges under Article 271a §1 of the Penal Code in connection with Article 12 of the Penal Code and Article 56 § 2 of the Fiscal Penal Code. Against the suspects, the prosecutor applied property sureties from PLN 20 to 100 thousand, police supervision and a ban on contacting specific persons.

Ongoing Case

This is the tenth implementation by CBA officers in the ongoing investigation into tax evasion and the provision of false VAT returns. So far, charges have been brought

against 41 persons, and three members of an organised criminal group are in custody. Further implementations are planned.

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