

Hundreds of Fraudulent Invoices

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained three entrepreneurs in the Mazowieckie province who used fraudulent VAT invoices to underreport their tax obligations. The estimated loss to the State Treasury is PLN 26 million. The preliminary investigation is being supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Ostrów Wielkopolski.

On May 6 of this year, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Poznań, in cooperation with officials from the Opole Customs and Tax Office, detained three business consultants operating in the Mazowieckie province. The men, through business activities involving, among others, trade and property management, issued and used fraudulent VAT invoices. Officers secured accounting and financial records, as well as electronic devices.

State Treasury Losses Estimated at PLN 26 Million

The CBA is conducting an investigation into tax fraud committed between June 2021 and February 2022. The suspects issued and used VAT invoices that did not reflect actual business transactions. According to preliminary findings, these invoices were used in tax declarations and JPK_VAT files. The total gross value of the fraudulent VAT invoices is estimated at PLN 137 million. As a result of the criminal activity, the State Treasury incurred losses of approximately PLN 26 million due to underreported tax liabilities.

Preventive Measures Imposed

The detainees were brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Ostrów Wielkopolski, where they were charged under, among others, Article 258 and Article 299 §1 and §5 of the Penal Code. The Prosecutor imposed preventive measures, including police

supervision, a ban on leaving the country, and a prohibition on contact between the suspects.

Ongoing Investigation

This is the first implementation in the ongoing preparatory proceedings. Further activities are planned.

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