Further Arrests in Tax Fraud Investigation

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have arrested seven businessmen in connection with an investigation into an organized criminal group involved in issuing and distributing fraudulent VAT invoices. The proceedings are supervised by the District Prosecutor’s Office in Warsaw.

On 9 April and 28 May 2026, seven businessmen operating in the Masovian Voivodeship were arrested. Their businesses were active in, among others, the automotive, consulting, technical services, and retail sectors. Those arrested also included a former police officer. During the operation, officers secured extensive evidence, including accounting records and electronic devices.

Multi-Faceted Investigation and Significant Losses to the State Budget

The main focus of the investigation conducted by officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw is the activity of an organized criminal group engaged in issuing and distributing fraudulent VAT invoices.

The fraudulent invoices were used by entrepreneurs in their VAT settlements, including VAT-7 tax returns and JPK_VAT files, in order to unlawfully reduce their tax liabilities. The group operated between 2019 and 2023 across several regions of Poland. The criminal scheme is believed to have exposed the State Treasury to VAT losses of at least PLN 35.4 million.

Preventive Measures Imposed

The suspects were brought before the District Prosecutor’s Office in Warsaw, where they were charged with using fraudulent VAT invoices.

The prosecutor imposed preventive measures, including property bail totaling PLN 100,000, police supervision, a ban on contacting specified individuals, and a prohibition on leaving the country combined with the seizure of passports.

Investigation Ongoing

These arrests constitute another procedural stage in the ongoing preparatory proceedings concerning tax evasion and the submission of false information in VAT declarations.

Since the beginning of the investigation, CBA officers have arrested more than 80 individuals. The case is multi-threaded and remains ongoing. Further searches are planned, and the prosecutor intends to continue filing indictments as the investigation progresses.

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