

## Another crackdown on VAT crime

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In the Mazovia region, CBA officers have detained another person in an ongoing investigation of the so-called printing house of blank invoices.

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw have detained another person in connection with an ongoing investigation into issuing nearly 1,500 invoices worth almost PLN 23 million, which did not document actual economic transactions. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

The suspect was detained in the Mazovian voivodeship in connection with entering inaccurate VAT invoices in the purchase registers of the company he represented. The entrepreneur is alleged to have provided untrue invoices. For the crime committed, in addition to severe financial penalties, he may face up to 8 years in prison. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against the detainee.

According to the investigators' findings, the criminal practice consisted in using invoices for fictitious transactions to reduce tax dues, which the suspects - carrying out business activities - should pay to relevant tax offices. The analysis of the evidence gathered confirms that the scale of issuing unreliable VAT invoices amounts to tens of millions of zlotys and the blank invoices were received by over a dozen entrepreneurs from the Mazowieckie Voivodeship. In the course of the proceedings, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Warsaw retrieved accounting and tax documentation of the entity that used blank invoices.

The investigation has already brought charges against over a dozen entrepreneurs who used blank invoices. The proceedings are diverse and still expanding. Further detentions may take place.

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