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Detention of another entrepreneur from the "empty invoice factory"

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań detained an entrepreneur from Greater Poland for VAT fraud. The investigation is supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań.

Settlement of another business entity from the "empty invoice factory"

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań are conducting an investigation under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań. The ongoing preparatory proceedings concern fictitious trade in unreliable invoices by a group of business entities forming the so-called "empty invoice factory". The aim of the criminal practice was to reduce the amount of public law liabilities aimed at depleting the State Treasury through abuse of goods and services tax payments. The estimated value of VAT fraud in the entire investigation exceeds PLN 10,000,000.00. The "Blank Invoice Factory" operated in 2018-2019.

Greater Poland entrepreneur accused of using "empty invoices"

The evidence material collected during the investigation shows that the entrepreneur, as part of his business activity, repeatedly used fictitious invoices that did not reflect real economic events, the value of which exceeded PLN 500,000.00. On January 20, 2024, based on the Prosecutor's decision, officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau from Poznań detained a man in the Greater Poland Voivodeship. During the detention, the entrepreneur attempted to escape, which was immediately thwarted by officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau. The suspect was taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, where he was charged under Art. 271a of the Penal Code and art. 56 and 61 of the Penal Code

The suspect confessed to the alleged crimes

The man admitted to the offenses he was accused of and expressed his will to voluntarily submit to punishment.

The case is ongoing

This is the fourth trial in the ongoing investigation, in which 25 people have already been charged. Eight suspects submitted to voluntary punishment and were sentenced by a final court judgment. Further implementations are possible in the ongoing investigation.



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