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# Detention of another entrepreneur involved in the "blank invoice factory"

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

# Settlement of another business entity from the "blank invoice factory"

Officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Poznań are conducting the 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 within the so-called "blank invoice factory".

The aim of the criminal activities was to reduce the amount of public law liabilities aimed at depleting the State Treasury through the 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" is said to had been functioning in 2018-2019.

### Polish entrepreneur accused of using "blank invoices"

The evidence 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 CBA Regional Office from Poznań detained a man in the in Wielkopolska Voivodeship. During the arrest, the entrepreneur attempted to escape, which was immediately thwarted by the

CBA officers. The suspect was brought to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, where he faced charges under Art. 271a of the Polish Penal Code and Art. 56 and 61 of the Polish Penal Code

## The suspect confessed to the alleged crimes

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

# The case is ongoing

This is the fourth detention and the investigation is still ongoing. 25 people have already faced charges. Eight suspects submitted to voluntary punishment and were sentenced by a final court verdict.

The investigation is ongoing and further undertakings are possible.

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