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„Blank invoice factory” proxy detained

Officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau Regional Office in Poznań detained a man who persuaded employees of the KGHM Polska Miedź SA mine to confirm fictitious trade in goods. The investigation is supervised by the Branch of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań.

Large scale "blank invoice factory"

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Poznań are conducting the investigation under the supervision of the Branch of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań. The ongoing preparatory proceedings concern an organized group operating from 2018 to 2024, committing numerous criminal and fiscal crimes detrimental to the economic interests of the State Treasury.

The suspects, purchased VAT invoices through managed business entities, that did not reflect actual economic events, and, based on them, issued further fictitious invoices to further participants in the criminal practice. In this way, the criminal group misled the tax authorities, by reducing public law liabilities to the State Treasury. As part of the criminal practice, several hundred invoices were issued for the amount of at least PLN 10,000,000.00, thus evading tax liabilities amounting to over PLN 4,000,000.00.

Proxy accused of inducing people to confirm fictitious trade in goods

The evidence collected during the preparatory proceeding shows that the proxy induced employees operating the entrance gates at the mine of the State Treasury company to confirm falsehoods in the WZ documents issued by business entities by signing a signature confirming the reception of the goods listed in the documents at the premises of the mine. The goods in question were the subject of "blank invoices"

and never entered the mine. The proxy, in exchange for the signed WZ document, offered a financial benefit in the amount of PLN 50.00 per item.

On February 1, 2024, based on the Prosecutor's decision, officers of the CBA Regional Office from Poznań detained a man in Dolnośląskie voivodeship. A search was carried out at the place of residence of the detained person in order to secure evidence in the form of WZ documents and invoices regarding the business entities subject to the investigation.

The suspect was taken to the Branch of the Department of Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, where he faced charges under Art. 271 Polish Penal Code and 258 Polish Penal Code

Preventive measures

The prosecutor applied preventive measures against the suspect in the form of police supervision and a ban on leaving the country.

The investigation is ongoing

This is the second procedural implementation in the ongoing investigation. In this case, 12 people have already faced charges.

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