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Members of an organized criminal group detained

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Krakow detained four members of an organized criminal group committing criminal and fiscal crimes. The investigation is supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

An organized criminal group issuing unreliable invoices

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Kraków, in cooperation with the Masovian Customs and Tax Office in Warsaw, are conducting an investigation under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw. The ongoing preparatory proceedings concern the activities of an organized criminal group aimed at committing fiscal crimes involving the reduction of public law liabilities to the State Treasury. As part of their criminal activities, through numerous business entities, the group's members issued over 5.5 thousand unreliable VAT invoices in the years 2017-2023 for a total amount of over PLN 122 million. The fictitious invoices issued concerned trade in steel and construction materials. The State Treasury's losses are estimated at approximately PLN 57 million.

On January 30, 2024, following the Prosecutor's decisions, officers of the CBA Regional Office in Krakow, together with the Masovian Customs and Tax Office, detained four men, members of an organized criminal group in the Greater Poland Voivodeship. The CBA officers from the Regional Offices in Kraków and Poznań conducted searches, during which, evidence in the form of mobile phones, financial documentation and notarial deeds was secured.

The suspects were brought to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw, where they faced charges under Art. 271a Polish Penal Code, Art. 277a of the Polish Penal Code and Art. 258 § 1 of the Polish Penal Code.

The District Police Headquarters in Oborniki was involved in the official undertakings.

Applied preventive measures

The prosecutor supervising the case submitted requests to the court to apply preventive isolation measures in the form of pre-trial detention to all suspects. The court accepted the Prosecutor's requests and decided to temporarily arrest the suspects for a period of three months. Assets worth PLN 7.5 million were secured for the sake of future penalties.

The investigation is ongoing

This is the third implementation in the ongoing preparatory proceedings. 23 people have been detained so far. There are a total of 30 suspects in the case and 61 charges were brought against them. The investigation is ongoing. Further detentions are possible.

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