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False invoices for inks and toners

Officers of the CBA Regional Office in Katowice, under the supervision of the Katowice Regional Prosecutor's Office, conduct a multithreaded investigation into the activities of a number of companies in 2013-2016, including a limited liability company that in 2015 obtained undue refunds of excess input VAT in the amount of approximately PLN 10 million. The objects of the fictitious trade in goods were mainly inks and toners, as well as accessories and equipment related to 3D printing technology. In addition, the investigation also includes a thread of, among other things, leasing extortion and extortion of EU funds.

Detentions on the territory of the Silesian and Lesser Poland Voivodeships

On March 26, 2024, officers from the CBA Regional Office in Katowice detained 4 people in the Silesian and Lesser Poland Voivodeships in connection with issuing and accepting unreliable VAT invoices. They were brought to the Prosecutor's Office, where they heard charges. During the searches, evidence was secured in the form of electronic devices and accounting documentation related to the subjects of the proceedings. According to the investigators, the value of the damage to the State Treasury, caused by the above-mentioned persons, amounts to about PLN 16 million.

Preventive measures applied

Two of the detainees were subjected to preventive measures in the form of a property bail in the amount of PLN 15,000 and police supervision combined with a ban on contact with certain persons, while the remaining detainees were subjected to preventive measures in the form of a property bail in the amount of PLN 8,000 and

PLN 12,000, respectively, and police supervision combined with a ban on contact with certain persons.

Another realization within the investigation

This is the fifth realization within the ongoing investigation. A total of 28 people have the status of suspects in the case. Throughout the case, charges that have been filed for, among others, taking part in an organized criminal group, intellectual forgery, money laundering and defrauding tax refunds. The pre-trial investigation is scheduled to be completed this year and an indictment will be sent to court.

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