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## Unreliable Invoices and Million-Level Losses

Officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained seven entrepreneurs. This is another operation in the case concerning the activities of an organized criminal group issuing unreliable invoices on a large scale. The investigation is supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

In June and July of this year, five men and two women running businesses in the service industry were detained in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship, including Warsaw, Nasielsk, and Nadarzyn. The investigation revealed that the entrepreneurs used nearly 350 fraudulent invoices for consulting services, totaling approximately PLN 6.8 million. Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw secured accounting records and funds during the investigation.

### **Network of Connections**

The investigation revealed that entrepreneurs purchased fraudulent VAT invoices from an organized criminal group between 2019 and 2022. This group generated and used fraudulent VAT invoices to settle accounts with the Tax Office. The group's activities allegedly resulted in the State Treasury losing at least PLN 34 million in VAT. Previous findings indicate that the group used dozens of companies, which did not actually conduct any business activity, to issue fraudulent VAT invoices.

## Charges Against the Detainees

The detainees were brought to the District Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw. They were charged with using unreliable VAT invoices, providing false information in tax declarations, and tax fraud.

The prosecutor applied financial bail totaling 180,000 PLN, police supervision, bans on contact with other individuals, and travel bans combined with passport confiscation.

# Multi-threaded Investigation

This was another operational action in the ongoing preparatory proceedings concerning tax evasion and providing false information in VAT declarations.

Since the beginning of the investigation, CBA officers have detained 64 people. The prosecutor has brought a total of 159 charges in this case. The case is complex and further operational actions are planned.

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