Further Arrests in Connection with a Tax Fraud Case

Officers of the Central Anticorruption Bureau have arrested eight people involved in committing tax and financial offences to the detriment of the State Treasury. To carry out the scheme, they purchased unreliable VAT invoices from an organised criminal group involved in issuing and distributing such invoices. The investigation is supervised by the Warsaw Regional Prosecutor’s Office.

Officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw arrested four women and four men in the Podlaskie, Mazowieckie, Łódź, Silesian, Pomeranian and Greater Poland Voivodeships. Procedural activities, carried out at the prosecutor’s request, took place on 6 August and 24 September 2026. Those arrested included individuals running businesses in, among others, the transport, marketing and catering sectors, as well as in the manufacture of metal parts, wholesale cosmetics, car sales and the sale of pharmaceutical products. CBA officers secured accounting records.

Multi-threaded investigation and significant losses to the State budget

Officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Warsaw are conducting an investigation into the activities of an organised criminal group involved in issuing and distributing unreliable VAT invoices on a large scale. The group operated between 2019 and 2023 across several voivodeships. The unreliable VAT invoices were introduced into circulation and used by entrepreneurs to settle their tax liabilities in VAT-7 returns and JPK_VAT files. This resulted in the unlawful reduction of tax liabilities. The criminal scheme is believed to have exposed the State Treasury to a VAT shortfall of at least PLN 35.9 million. The investigation is supervised by the Warsaw Regional Prosecutor’s Office.

Preventive measures imposed

The suspects were brought to the Warsaw Regional Prosecutor’s Office, where they were charged with using unreliable VAT invoices. The prosecutor imposed preventive measures, including bail totalling PLN 60,000, police supervision, bans on contacting specified individuals, and bans on leaving the country combined with the retention of their passports.

The investigation is ongoing

These were further procedural operations carried out as part of the preparatory proceedings concerning tax evasion and providing false information in VAT returns. Since the beginning of the investigation, CBA officers have arrested 93 people. The case involves multiple investigative threads, and further procedural activities are planned.

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