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Fictitious invoices trade. 60 million losses of the State Treasury.

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained 3 more persons involved in the turnover of fictitious VAT invoices. The losses of the State Treasury due to their activities may amount to 60 million PLN. There are already 30 people detained in the investigation.

The Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Łódź, under the supervision of the Warsaw District Prosecutor's Office, is investigating a multi-person group dealing with the issue of fictitious invoices and their sales, in order to depress VAT and CIT liabilities, as well as to misappropriate money and extort EU funds.

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Thus, the list of detainees in this investigation has extended to 30 people.

The losses of the State Treasury due to the activities of only these three detained by CBA businessmen, can reach as much as PLN 60 million.

The CBA agents are searching the flats of the detainees, they are securing documentation related to the conducted activities.

Detained by the CBA will be transferred to the prosecutor's office and there they will face charges.

Investigators do not rule out further detentions and extension of the list of charges.

Last year, officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź caught up with the Warsaw businessman Łukasz P., who officially ran a business consulting firm and was

a president of a foundation which was established by him. He was supposed to help other companies to pay less for taxes. It turned out, that he was doing it in an illegal way. The procedure was difficult to detect for the tax services. Invoices circulated between companies, were registered, respectively "accountingly wrapped". Łukasz P. was detained by the CBA in November 2016, as a result of a special operation, when - caught red-handed - he took 445,000 PLN for fictitious invoices amounting to 1.7 million PLN. On the same day, the CBA also detained 12 more people involved in this operation, who either used or issued the fictitious documents: owners of firms and companies, including two Ukrainian citizens. During the investigation, it was determined that one of the detainees, who now is in pre-trial detention, organized a network of companies registered in Poland, Cyprus and in UAE. The companies were issuing invoices documenting superficial business transactions. The findings of the investigators indicate, that money laundering is also involved.



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