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The CBA breaks up another group of VAT invoices dealers. They were caught red-handed.

The officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained six people suspected of involvement in organized crime group, trading fictitious VAT invoices and money laundering for at least 19 million PLN.

Officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź got on the trail of businessman from Łódź, who officially runs a number of commercial and construction companies established for one purpose - to issue invoices. Fishy financial documents circulated between companies, were registered, appropriately "wrapped" in an accounting way, so as to make it difficult to detect the procedure.

Already today the investigators' findings indicate, that false invoices were issued for at least 19 mln PLN.

CBA agents have arrested the businessman in restaurant in Łódź. He was caught red-handed while he was selling fictitious VAT invoices. In addition to the main organizer, the CBA officers also detained his two assistants, the head of one of the companies - so-called strawperson and two intermediaries. In the realization also took part officers from Customs and Revenue Office in Łódź.

The CBA has secured a number of documents - including invoices for made-up services or sales, large amounts of electronic media, dozens of bank account cards, and about 300,000 PLN in cash. Activities were conducted in Łódź and Kielce.

In the District Prosecutor's Office in Łódź the detainees faced charges of money laundering, involvement in organized crime group and falsifying invoices.

By decision of the court two suspects - the main organizer of the procedure and his

assistant - were temporarily arrested for 3 months. As for the remaining four, prosecutor applied preventive measures.

This is another similar investigation carried out by the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź. In the case - that was initiated by a detention which was a result of special operation in November last year (offenders were caught red-handed at the moment of sale of fictitious VAT invoices of 1,7 mln PLN) - the CBA has already arrested 30 people, and the disclosed State Treasury losses amount to tens of millions of PLN.

In both investigations the prosecutor's office does not exclude further detentions and extension of the list of charges.



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