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Agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained another person in the investigation supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Łódź, in regard to issuing and using within the organized criminal group of VAT invoices certifying the untrue, the depletion of the State Treasury debt due to goods and service taxes, as well as the legalization of proceeds of crime (for acts of Article 271a of the Penal Code, Article 258 of the Penal Code and others).

Detained by the CBA - the representative of a Warsaw-based company belonging to foreigners was charged in Prosecutor's Office with money laundering within an organized criminal group. According to the findings of the CBA and the prosecutor's office, he transmitted for this purpose, at least 24 million 826 thousand PLN in cash.

The man was also charged with participation in the 2014-2017 period in an organized criminal group aimed at committing offenses involving fictitious trade in clothing and issuing fictitious VAT invoices.

To this day, the CBA officers have detained 15 other suspects in this investigation: middlemen, helpers and company representatives. The case began in June of this year when officers from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź got a break on an entrepreneur who officially ran a number of commercial and construction companies, which as it turned out, have been invented for one purpose - to issue invoices. Entrepreneur was caught red-handed by the CBA agents in one of the Łódź restaurants while he was selling VAT invoices for superficial transactions.

Only the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź is conducting under the supervision of the prosecutor's office a number of investigations into tax fraud - the disclosed losses of

the State Treasury for such criminal activity amount to tens of millions of zlotys.

This is another detention this week of persons suspected of participating in a chain of fictitious transactions, that served only to underestimate taxes at the expense of the State Treasury. On Wednesday (13.09) the CBA agents from Łódź detained three persons involved in fictitious real estate turnover, which was the basis for the extortion of million zlotys VAT. In the case initiated in November last year, which included a detention in result of a special operation of Warsaw businessman Łukasz P. and the organizer of a network of companies registered in Poland, Cyprus and United Arab Emirates documenting the superficial business transactions, the CBA have already detained 43 people. Among the suspects in this investigation is Jan C. deputy (Sejm VII), Artur J. and Krzysztof M., who were charged with tax depletions for the total amount of approximately 60 million PLN. Detained Maksymilian G., was charged with directing the commission of a felony in relation to the crimes alleged to Krzysztof M. and Artur J.

The investigators of the Central Anticorruption Bureau conducting the proceeding still do not rule out further detentions and extension of the list of charges in these investigations.



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