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Nearly 1500 invoices for over PLN 41 million. At least PLN 9.5 million damage to the property of the State Treasury

The CBA agents have detained 3 persons in connection with the investigation into the functioning of an organized crime group involved in extortion of VAT.

The officers of the Regional Office in Poznań have detained 3 persons participating in the organized crime group, including a person responsible for organizing and managing the group and also two strawpersons issuing fictitious VAT invoices.

All this implies that the group members have created the appearance of legitimate business and they were fictitiously selling cardboard packages. Preliminary findings of the investigators indicate that the detainees in order to gain property benefits have issued nearly 1500 VAT invoices to the tune of over PLN 41 million documenting the apparent sale. Thereafter, they have been claiming the VAT back, what caused detriment to the property of the State Treasury for PLN 9.5 million. The group operated in Poland and Czech Republic from 2014 to 2017.

After the completion of searches the detainees will be transported to the District Prosecutor's Office in Poznań, where they will be charged. In January this year the CBA detained in this case already 2 persons.

The list of suspects and detainees may be extended. The investigators are still working on collected evidence material.