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Criminal group broken up – continuation of CBA's activities

The activities of the CBA allowed to keep over PLN 100 million in the budget of the State Treasury. Fictitious invoices were issued for nearly PLN 500 million. The organizer, the head of the criminal group and a lawyer from Warsaw have been detained by agents from Regional Office of the CBA in Białystok.

Another part of the investigation related to an attempt to extort hundreds of millions of zlotys of undue VAT tax. This time two persons were detained. The CBA agents from Białystok caught the organizer and at the same time the head of an organized criminal group and a Warsaw lawyer.

The head of the criminal group financed the acquisition of a company with a liquid fuel trade license, only to extort a multi-million VAT refund. The officers conducting the investigation determined that the fictitious invoices (only in this thread of proceedings) amounted to nearly half a billion zlotys. The officers conducting the investigation determined that the fictitious invoices (only in this thread of the proceedings) amounted to nearly half a billion zlotys. The false documents were prepared by previously detained persons. Invoices documented the fictitious turnover of hundreds of thousands of cell phones. Joint activities of the Bureau and the Prosecutor's Office prevented the illegal VAT tax refund.

A Warsaw lawyer detained into this case supervised the practice. In exchange for the material benefits coming from the illegal activities of the organized criminal group, he carried out tasks aimed at legalizing the group's unlawful moves. He also oversaw the acquisition of the fuel company.

The detainees will be transferred to the National Prosecutor's Office in Białystok, where they will be charged with, among others, acting in the organised criminal group.

This investigation has its beginning in May 2017. At that time, 3 persons were detained and fictitious invoices issued for over 300,000 cell phones were secured.



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