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Sport - not so healthy

Six individuals have been detained in connection with the operation of a sports club in Katowice. The case resulted in VAT depletion of over PLN 5 million.

The officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice have detained 6 persons - an entrepreneur and representatives of entities from the Silesian voivodeship.

The evidence gathered in this case indicates that from January 2012 to July 2019, the detainees accepted at least 365 inaccurate VAT invoices. Their total value exceeded PLN 29 million. The invoices did not document real economic events, but concerned fictitious sales of e.g. advertising services and were used to unduly reduce VAT. The case resulted in an exposure to VAT depletion in the amount of more than PLN 5 million. The described criminal activity is related to one of the sports clubs in Katowice.

The CBA officers searched the detainees' places of residence to reveal items that could constitute evidence in the case, as well as to identify and secure assets that could be seized for future penalties and fines.

After completing the activities, the detainees were taken to the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice where they were charged with accepting inaccurate VAT invoices, introducing them to economic circulation and laundering money.

So far, in the course of the investigation, charges have been presented against one person.

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