

## Further detentions in VAT fraud case

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The CBA officers of the Regional Office in Rzeszów have detained an entrepreneur from Kraków who is involved in the fraud of the refund of undue VAT. The investigation has been conducted under the supervision of the Podkarpacki Field Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów. All findings indicate that the detainee was involved in the issue of 53 inaccurate VAT invoices, which were used in subsequent tax returns submitted by successive economic operators, resulting in the extortion of the refund of undue VAT. The man is suspected of aiding in extortion of more than PLN 550 thousand. The detainee has already faced charges in the prosecutor's office. At the prosecutor's request, the court applied a three-month custody against the detainee.

This is another person detained as part of the investigation into the activities of an organised crime group operating in the Małopolska and Podkarpacie regions. On the basis of the evidence gathered, it has been found that the fictitious VAT invoices were used to issue untruthful export documents, fiscal receipts and Tax Free documents for individual sales in the VAT refund procedure for tourists, which were intended to confirm the alleged export of goods outside the European Union.

So far, more than 30 suspects have been charged in the present case, against whom detention or non-custodial preventive measures have been used.

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