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The CBA hitting the fuel mafia - another detainee

Another person detained in connection with the proceedings carried out jointly by the CBA and the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok concerning the so-called fuel mafia case.

This time, the CBA officers of the Regional Office in Łódź have detained Dariusz M., an entrepreneur from Suwałki, who, in the criminal scheme, performed the function of the president of the management board and a partner in a company dealing with fuel transport clearance. Additionally, he was an informal partner in another company dealing with fuel trade in the years 2013 - 2015. The man has been detained in Gdańsk. The investigation findings indicate that he closely cooperated with the founder and manager of the organised crime group, who has been under international arrest and is currently in hiding in the United Arab Emirates.

In the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok, the detainee faced charges of participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, use of inaccurate invoices amounting to approximately PLN 1.3 billion and exposure to the depletion and the depletion of the State Treasury's receivables amounting to approximately PLN 300 million in uncollected VAT.

By court decision, he was remanded in custody for three months. He may be released upon payment of a PLN 3-million bail bond.

The investigation into the operation of the so-called fuel mafia on the territory of the Republic of Poland in the years 2013-2018 has been conducted by several Regional Offices of the CBA - in Białystok, Katowice, Łódź, and Wrocław. The investigators' findings indicate that the group placed on the market and then fictitiously invoiced goods in the form of diesel oil, lubricating oil, petrol and rapeseed oil. These activities were carried out using so-called missing traders and buffers. There was a fictitious trade in fuel between the companies. Invoices and accounting documentation were issued to attest the untruth. The activities caused resulted in VAT depletion of over PLN 700 million.

So far, more than 110 individuals have faced charges, 13 of whom are remanded in custody. The suspects' assets, worth nearly PLN 13 million, have been secured. The case is in progress.

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