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## The CBA crash into the fuel mafia - 2 detainees

Further findings in the investigation into the so-called fuel mafia allowed to detain two people. This time, VAT fraud and money laundering are at stake.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Białystok have detained two individuals on the territory of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodship who participated in money laundering as shells. Simultaneously, their places of residence have been searched and other previously selected locations.

According to the findings, in just a few months, using bank accounts of the companies associated with the detainees, through a number of financial operations almost PLN 85 million were "laundered", with a significant part of the funds being transferred outside Poland. The funds which, as a result of these operations, were given the appearance of legality, came from the procedure of entering the country and then fictitiously invoicing goods in the form of diesel, lubricating oil, petrol and rapeseed oil.

The detainees were taken to the public prosecutor's office, where they faced charges. The prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against them.

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 - under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok. Over 110 people have already heard the charges in the case.

The investigation is developing and multithreaded, and the officers are still identifying further persons taking part in this criminal group.

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