

Detainees in the VAT fraud investigation

Further 5 individuals have been detained by the officers of the CBA Regional Office in Katowice in connection with the investigation into the criminal activities of an organised crime group dealing, among others, with VAT fraud.

The officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have detained 5 individuals in Silesia (Śląsk) representing, among others, IT companies. Simultaneously, their places of residence and the premises of 9 business entities were searched.

The activities are related to the proceedings conducted jointly by the CBA and the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice concerning the criminal activities of an organised crime group dealing with, among other things, VAT fraud and EU subsidies.

The investigators' findings indicate that in the years 2014-2016, on the basis of documents attesting an untruth, the group extorted an undue VAT refund of PLN 10 million. Furthermore, the evidence gathered in the case indicates fraudulent conclusion of leasing agreements through the extortion of money from lessors to finance the purchase 3D printers.

In the District Prosecutor's Office in Katowice, the detainees have faced charges of participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, fraud, money laundering, extortion, and aiding and abetting in the extortion of undue VAT in the amount of PLN 10 million, as well as attestation of an untruth in documents. By court order, four of the detainees will spend the next three months in custody.

These are not the first operations of the CBA in this case. So far, 10 people have faced charges. Five have been taken into provisional detention. The investigation is developing.

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