

Further detention of members of an organised crime group

Two individuals detained by the CBA in connection with the activity of the so-called fuel mafia.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Łódź have detained two individuals on the territory of Małopolska and Mazowsze. In the course of the proceedings, the investigators established that the detainees controlled two fuel companies, the informal aim of which was exclusively to deplete public receivables due to unpaid VAT.

At the same time, their places of residence were searched, as well as other previously selected locations.

These are further activities undertaken in connection with new findings concerning the operation of the so-called fuel mafia in the Republic of Poland in the years 2013-2018. 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. Invoices and accounting documentation were issued to attest the untruth.

The detainees were taken to the prosecutor's office, where they were charged with acting in an organised crime group and depleting the State Treasury receivables of over PLN 300 000 due to unpaid VAT. Having conducted procedural activities with the participation of the suspects, the prosecutor applied non-custodial preventive measures against them, in the form of police probation and bail bond.

The investigation into the operation of the so-called fuel mafia has been conducted by four Regional Offices of the CBA - in Białystok, Katowice, Łódź, and Wrocław - under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok. So far, more than 120 individuals have faced charges. The suspects' assets, worth nearly PLN 13 million, have been secured.

The case is active and ongoing. Further detentions and charges are still possible.

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