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## VAT extortion. An entrepreneur from the Podkarpacie region detained by the CBA

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Another person has been detained by the CBA in connection with the VAT refund fraud. There are over 40 suspects in the case conducted jointly with the Podkarpackie prosecutor's office.

The CBA officers of the Regional Office in Rzeszów, in cooperation with the Podkarpacki Subdivision of the Department for Organised Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów, have been conducting an investigation into the activities of an organised crime group extorting VAT. The criminal scheme was based on fictitious documentation of purchase and sale of goods and fiscal offences against tax obligations, including those related to issuing unreliable VAT invoices and using such documents to reduce the tax.

The CBA officers have detained another person involved in this practice. This time, it is an entrepreneur from Rzeszów. As it results from the material gathered in the case, the detainee issued at least a dozen invoices attesting untruth, amounting to over PLN 620 thousand. The fictitious VAT invoices were then used to issue export documents that certified untruth, as well as fiscal receipts and TAX FREE documents for individual sales in the reimbursement of VAT for tourists, which were supposed to confirm the alleged export of goods outside the European Union. The man has already heard charges in the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor imposed a ban on leaving the country and police supervision on him.

In connection with the pending proceedings, charges were pressed against over 40 suspects against whom non-custodial preventive measures and pre-trial detention were applied.

These are not the final activities in this case. A longer list of detainees and charges is

just a matter of time.

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