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Ukrainian citizen corrupting customs officer remanded in custody

Another person detained in the VAT extortion case. The detention has been carried out by the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in cooperation with the Bieszczady Border Guard Regional Unit.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Rzeszów, in cooperation with the Bieszczady Border Guard Regional Unit, detained a Ukrainian citizen in a case concerning extortion of VAT. The man was detained on Friday at the border crossing point in Korczowa. The operation was conducted due to an investigation carried out jointly with the Podkarpacki Field Division of the Department for Organized Crime and Corruption of the National Prosecutor's Office in Rzeszów.

The detainee was brought to the prosecutor's office where he heard charges of giving financial advantages to the Customs Service officers in exchange for clearance of tax-free documents for VAT refunds for travellers. The fictitious documents were then used for undue reimbursement of VAT. By court decision, upon the motion of the prosecutor, the man was remanded in custody for three months. He faces up to 10 years in prison.

37 individuals have heard charges in connection with this investigation. In the years 2013-2014, false statements were allegedly made in tax-free documents — VAT refunds for travellers by persons conducting business activities across the country. The documents stated that goods were sold, while the purchase of goods outside the European Union did not take place. The scheme aimed to reduce the amount of tax due and to cause large-scale losses of public law liabilities.

Further activities are planned in the case.

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