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A businessman from Katowice involved in VAT fraud

Another person suspected of involvement in an organised crime group extorting VAT has been detained. The man heard the charges in the prosecutor's office. By court decision, he was remanded in custody for three months. The activities in the case have been conducted by the CBA officers.

In Silesia, the officers of the CBA Regional Office in Katowice have detained a man participating in obtaining an undue refund of the VAT. The detainee's place of residence was also searched. This is the fourth operation in this investigation. The activities were conducted by order of the Circuit Prosecutor's Office in Katowice.

In the course of the proceedings, charges were brought against 17 persons. The investigation concerns the operation of an organised crime group extorting VAT on the basis of inaccurate invoices certifying an untruth. The investigators' activities documented extortion of nearly PLN 10 million of undue VAT by a Silesian company operating in the IT sector. Moreover, evidence was collected indicating an attempt to defraud a further 7 million PLN.

In the Circuit Prosecutor's Office in Katowice, the detainee heard charges of participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, extortion of VAT and paid protection. Upon the motion of the prosecutor, the District Court Katowice - Wschód in Katowice applied a preventive measure in the form of temporary arrest against the detainee.

Further activities are planned in connection with the investigation.

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