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Suspect in a multi-million VAT fraud in the hands of CBA

The CBA officers detained a member of an organised crime group whose activity exposed the State Treasury to the VAT extortion of at least PLN 376 million.

In the Małopolskie Voivodship, the officers of the Regional Office of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau in Białystok have detained another person in connection with the investigation into VAT fraud. The proceedings have been supervised by the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw.

The male detainee is a member of an organised crime group operating in the years 2015-2016 on the territory of several countries, including Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Germany. According to the findings of the case, the man was associated with one of the business entities registered in Slovakia, which, in the framework of a criminal procedure, pretended to be active in the trade of food products including coffee and sweets.

As a result of the suspect's criminal activities, attempts were made to defraud the State Treasury of VAT of at least PLN 376 million.

The man was taken to the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Warsaw. There he was charged with, inter alia, acting in an organised crime group, fiscal fraud and money laundering. The court applied a three-month remand in custody against the suspect.

In the same case, the Public Prosecutor's Office has requested European Arrest Warrants. As a result of these actions, in 2021, four persons were detained on the territory of Germany, Spain and Slovakia. The activities of the whole group aimed at unfavourable asset disposal of great extent.

The CBA officers are continuing their activities to establish the whereabouts of other

persons involved in the criminal practice.

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