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Austrian Fraud Case

Fraud with mobile phones – International and national cooperation

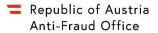
T3 Goods

Wolfgang Kolar Anti-Fraud Office/VAT Fraud Task Force Sarajevo, 11.06.2025

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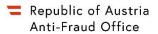
Detection

• UPS at VIE opened a package:



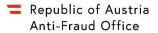


€ 230.000,-



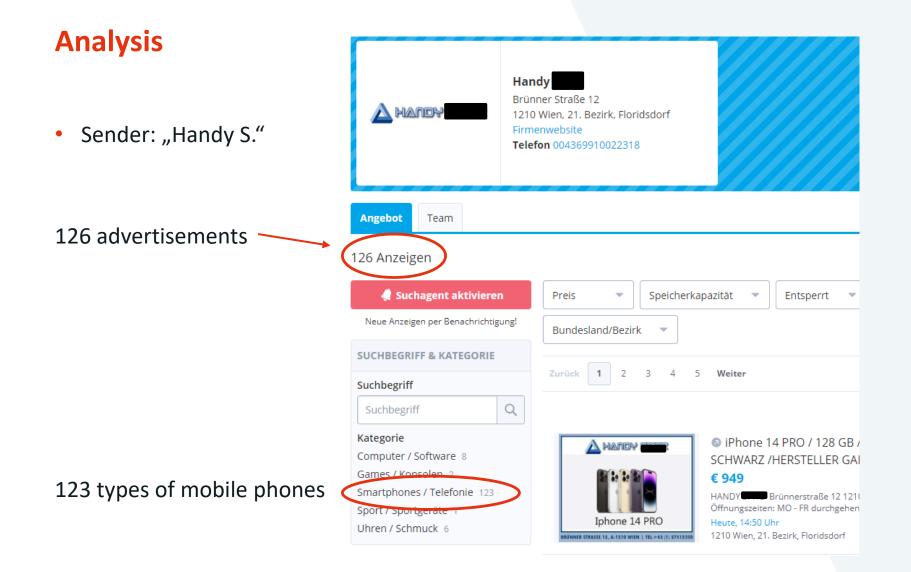
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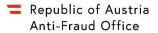
- A-FIU contacted A-Customs -> Anti Fraud Office
- Money confiscated
- A-FIU contacted EPPO Munich (Hamed S.J.)



• Sender: UPS Access Point "Handy S."







• Sender: "Handy S.": text in the advertisement

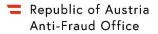
SOLANGE DER VORRAT REICHT NUR SCHWARZ FARBE

Wegen Farbe Bitte um vorherige Nachfrage

Cash only!

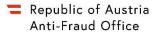
NUR Barzahlung ist möglich (Wir nehmen keine Bankomat oder Kreditkarten)

VERSAND: Vorauszahlung per Nachnahme (Bezahlung erfolgt erst bei Erhalt des Pakets) per Nachnahme Express (wird spätestens am nächsten Werktag um 12:00 Uhr Mittag zugestellt)



- Receiver: Hamed S.J.
 - COO of P. International plc.
 - suspect in EPPO case I.000002/21,

EPPO Munich, VAT fraud, MTIC fraud



• UPS:

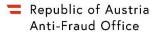
- Packages from Handy S. to Hamed S.J.:

2022: 17 packages

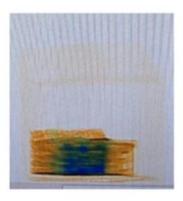
2023: 36 packages

last 19 sent, X-ray pictures still available

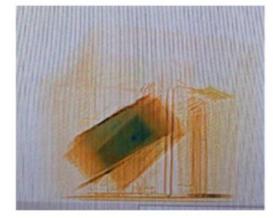




• Examples of money in package



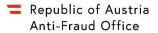
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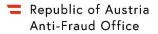
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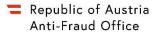
Actions

- -> Austrian case is part of EPPO Munich case
- House search together with P. International plc, Hamed S.J. on 28.02.2024
 - 56 locations in DE, NL, EE, AL, SK, PT + AT
 - 5 arrests in DE
 - 1 temporary arrest in AT
 - Asset recovery: € 17 mio. bank accounts/properties

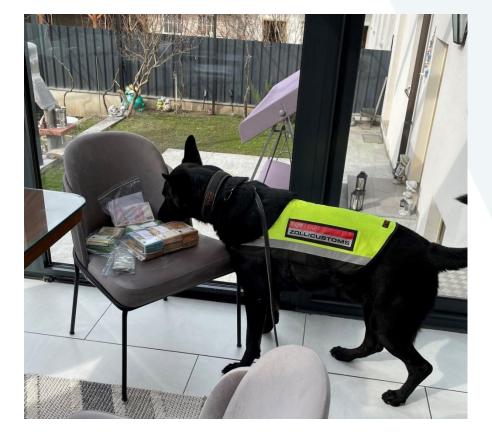
€ 15 mio. seized goods at P. International plc.



- -> Austrian case is part of EPPO Munich case
- House searches in Austria on 28.02.2024
 - 4 locations:
 - 2 Mobile phone shops
 - 2 Residences



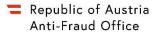
Money found

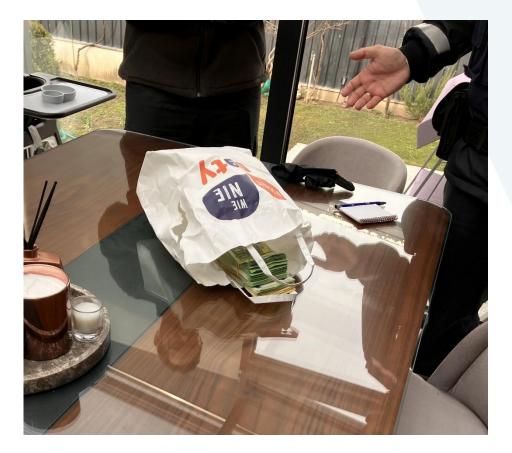


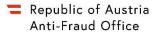
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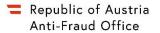








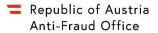
€ 200.000,-





about 200 mobile phones:

€ 200.000,-



- Many parcels were sent to AT and NL
- Goods where named "T3 goods"
 - Main customers in AT and NL
 - no invoices, no registered deliveries

Example: chat with "Babbar"

Bro do you do T3?

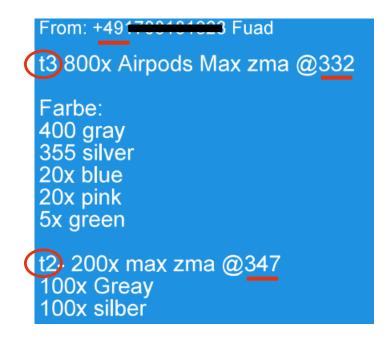
in poland they can send?

Normali, people bring to me cash and pick up or bring to me cash and I ship to Polen

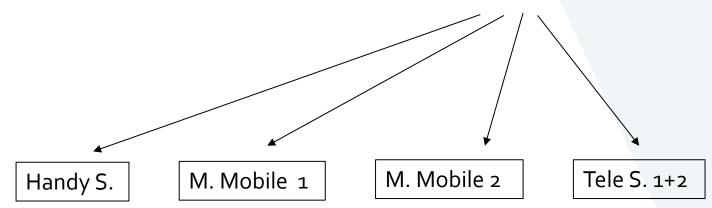
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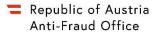
• T3 is "cheaper" than T2

Example: chat with "Fuad":



• 4 suspects in Austria : receiver of goods sent by Hamad S.J.





• Lists of T3 sales: content of a package from S.J.

	19.12.2022 Handy S			
1	iPhone 14 pro Max 256GB Purple	35	1.470,00€	51.450,00€
2	iPhone 14 pro Max 128GB Purple	32	1.370,00€	43.840,00€
3	iPhone 14 pro Max 256GB Gold	2	1.470,00€	2.940,00€
4	iPhone 14 pro Max 256GB Black	15	1.480,00€	22.200,00€
5	Samsung A325 A32 128GB Black	10	188,00€	1.880,00€
6	iPhone 14 pro 128GB Black	15	1.275,00€	19.125,00€
7	iPhone 14 pro 128GB Silver	5	1.275,00€	6.375,00€
8	iPhone 14 pro 128GB Gold	5	1.275,00€	6.375,00€
9	iPhone 14 pro Max 128GB Black	10	1.380,00€	13.800,00€
10	iPhone 14 pro Max 256GB Silver	5	1.470,00€	7.350,00€
11	iPhone 13 128GB Midnight	10	710,00€	7.100,00€
12	iPhone 14 256GB Starlight	1	895,00€	895,00€
13	iPhone 14 pro 256GB Black	11	1.365,00€	15.015,00€
14	iPhone 14 pro 256GB Purple	10	1.365,00€	13.650,00€
15	iPhone 13 pro 1TB Graphite	2	1.165,00€	2.330,00€
16	iPhone 14 pro Max 512GB Purple	2	1.800,00€	3.600,00€
17	iPhone 14 pro Max 128GB Gold	2	1.370,00€	2.740,00€
				220.665,00 €

- Calculation of value of goods delivered to 4 customers based on lists:
- An average value/delivery is calculated, then multiplied with number of deliveries

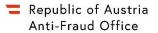
-> Handy S.: € 18,6 Mio

-> M.Mobile1: € 27 Mio

-> M.Mobile2: € 2,2 Mio

-> T.S.: € 14,2 Mio

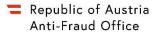
Calculation of value of goods with "weight method" showed similar results



Actions - Action day 29.11.2024

-> Austrian case is (still) part of EPPO Munich case

- 10 locations in Austria
 - 4 Mobile phone shops
 - 6 Residences
 - +
- 5 locations in the Nederlands (2 shops delivered by Hamed S.J.)

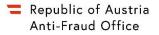


Chats on mobile phone of Amer A. (Tele S.): Chat with "Milad Nederland"

should i make this ein rechnung oder?

No don't make invoice

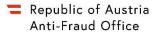
• Rechnung = invoice



• Chats on mobile phone of Amer A. (Tele S.): Chat with Bayram Ö., both suspects

From: +43(معامر فينا جملة (owner) To: +43 Meine Bruder bringt Geld für Niederland wo lassen in deine Geschäft oder wo sag mir bitte

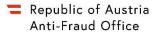
-> "My brother brings (the) money for the Nederlands, where do we place (the money), in your store, or tell me please"



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Billing: Amer A. buys from Bayram Ö.

3 Bay Rom 17/09/20 books 2) 60011 10260 165 old Bel 10095 7) 5820 bopu Alos 97 6000 Aol 275 4500 20415 60pu All 7 97 5820 21 26235 Amar 26430 Hondy

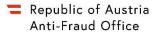


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Mar 25695 730 6495 4480 6495 Lila 1300 12895 1400 pro 6495 2700 horo 1000 1610 930 Scoutter 12 5 40 03.06.20 Bay?

2× 640 = 1280 2× Micha = 650-1930 Telo BCE ECB EITE EZB EKP EKT EKB BCE EBC 201

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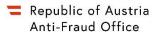


• Chat on mobile phone of Amer A. (Tele S.): Chat with "Abu W.", shop owner

Billing:

kafr 54 102EV LaDakretzs 36EV BorBank 25 10EV Blotos 25 20EV Silvi 15 5EV Erbotkofraze 35E A01 50(80) A 771 2 (35) 630 A 11 3 (90) 345 A 105 4 (10) 345 A 105 4 (10) 440 A 305 35 (10) 540 A 21, 4 (10) 540 A 51 1 (20) 2 40 6300 345

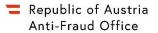
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• Computer of Bayram Ö: list of shops he sold mobile phones to

	-			
17165	356189754563352		anto	
17166				
17167 11,01,2023	356266760052271	14 pro max 128 tausch256	Mobile house	
17168 16.01.2023	354922764693468	13 128GB	Daniel	
17169	358330273296243		anton	
17170	357853682846481			
17171	358849703763126		anton	
17172	350048581644312	S22 Ultra 256gb	Dream	
17173	350048583711648	S22 Ultra 256gb	Dream	
17174	350048585053718	S22 Ultra 256gb	Dream	
17175	354321597444902	S22 Ultra 256gb	Dream	
17176	350048583875484	S22 Ultra 256gb	Dream	
17177				
17178 18,01,2023	354466593139186	14 pro max 512gb	Taner	
17179	356703856314124	14 pro max 512gb	Taner	
17180				
17181 18,01,2023	354466590071598	14 pro max 1TB	Kaya Özay	
17182				
17183 18,01,2023	350135023770670	12 mini 256gb	Mandalin	
17184	350135023780703	12 mini 256gb	Mandalin	
17185	354286949250432	SE 2022 64gb	Mandalin	
17186	350654417485547	14 512	Mandalin	
17187	359862143327021	14 512	Mandalin	
17188	359862143308252	14 512	Mandalin	
17189				
17190 19,01,2023	350077874805934	Z Flip 4 128gb	Daniel	

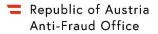




Results – further action

- 4 Suspects not only sold mobile phones to final consumer (via "willhaben.at" and shop), but also to other shops
- Most of it T3 goods only small turnovers declared
- Connection to the Nederlands (?)
- Tax audits need to be done (4 suspects)
- Turnover with T3 goods at least € 50 mio,

-> Tax loss (VAT) ≈ € 10 mio



Thank you for your attention!

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