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# Igor Vladimirovich Maleev

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**Date of birth:** 1990-08-20

**Status:** ‘Suspect’, ‘Kraken Administrator’, ‘Arrested’

**Other names:** Maleev, Igor

**Igor Maleev is a suspect in a case linked to WayAway and Kraken. According to *Kommersant*, investigators have linked him to the username ‘DoomSlayer’ and to his work on Hydra from 2020 onwards, and subsequently on WayAway.[1]**

## Key details

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| **First name** | Igor Maleev. |
| **Court record** | I. V. Maleev; full patronymic unknown. |
| **Date of birth** | Not confirmed by verified sources. |
| **Expected function** | Forum moderation. |
| **Procedural status** | A defendant in a criminal case; no published judgement has been found. |

## Why his story is important

If the version reported in the media is confirmed, the Maleev case will shed light on the movement of personnel between generations of darknet platforms. However, working on two platforms does not automatically imply ownership of them. An employee’s link to a specific account, the period during which they had access to it, and the nature of the tasks assigned to them must be proven independently.

## What can be seen in the court document

I. V. Maleev is named in case file No. 3/2-0288/2026 under sub-paragraph ‘a’ of Part 4 of Article 228.1 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation. The file relates to the extension of his detention, not to the resolution of the charges on their merits.[2]

Such a source reliably records the existence of procedural material. However, a brief entry does not reveal the prosecution’s evidence, the full legal classification of each incident, or the content of all the defence’s objections.

## Position and unconfirmed claims

*Kommersant* reported that Maleev had retracted his initial statement.[1]

The verified materials do not establish Maleev’s share in the marketplace, his control over its cash flow, or his right to dispose of the funds of other participants. Therefore, the designations ‘owner of Kraken’ and ‘chief financier’ lack sufficient basis for this dossier.

To provide further detail, court documents confirming his individual powers and actions are essential. A list of the platform’s departments cannot be used as a substitute for a personal biography.

*Date of verification: 13 October 2026. The nickname and details of his employment are presented as reported by the media, not as facts established by a court judgement.*

## Sources


1. Kommersant, 23 August 2026; print edition 24 August 2026 — ‘The “Kraken” has emerged from “Hydra”’
   https://www.kommersant.ru/doc/8906461
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