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A suspect in a case involving the recruitment of Ukrainians under the pretence of employment in Russia. The Svyatoshyn District Court in Kyiv heard the case concerning charges of human trafficking.



Vasyl Sokolovskyi on the left, Oleksandr Figurant on the right. A hearing at the Sviatoshyn District Court in Kyiv, 2018. Caption from a Skelet Org publication.

Status: The suspect

Other names: Oleksandr Ukrainets; Oleksandr Ukrainets

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What is known

Oleksandr, a Ukrainian national, is one of the defendants in Ukrainian criminal case No. 12016040000000754 concerning the recruitment of Ukrainian citizens to work in Russia. Reporters from ‘Censor.NET’ and ‘Hromadske Radio’ identified him as one of those present at hearings at the Svyatoshynsky District Court in Kyiv. In August 2018, the court extended his remand in custody. [1] [2] [4]

The prosecution’s case

According to journalists’ accounts of the case files, the case centred on job advertisements, following which people travelled to Russia and found themselves involved in drug trafficking. The investigation classified the incident as human trafficking carried out by an organised group. ‘Rakurs’ reports that the Ukrainian man and other defendants contested the charges and claimed they were engaged in legitimate employment. [2] [3] [4]

How is this case linked to the ‘Khimprom’ issue?

The authors at Skelet Org have put forward the theory that some of those recruited may have ended up in ‘Khimprom’s’ distribution network in Russia. This theory concerns the alleged route taken by the individuals after recruitment. Court reports describe the charges in the Ukrainian human trafficking case. The editorial team is examining documents that might link specific instances of employment to a particular distribution network. [2] [3] [4]

Contact the editorial team

The editorial team is verifying the information received. If you have any documents, materials or further details regarding this case, please write to us.

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