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Maksim Yastremsky (Maksik)

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Maksim Yastremsky (Maksik). US charges relating to Dave & Buster’s, an extradition request and a separate 30-year sentence in Turkey.



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Status: Suspect

Other names: Maksim Yastremsky; Maksym Yastremskiy; Maksik

Status in the case file. A court in Turkey has handed down a 30-year prison sentence in a separate case. In the US, charges have been brought in the Dave & Buster’s case.

About the editorial tag. ‘Suspect’ is the editorial label for this series. The procedural status and outcomes of the cases are indicated separately.

Relevance to the topic. Related case: González and Dave & Buster’s.

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Where does Maksik turn up?

Maxim Yastremsky appears under the alias ‘Maksik’ in the documents relating to the US criminal case concerning hacking into the payment system of the Dave & Buster’s restaurant chain. In May 2008, the US Department of Justice published details of the charges against Yastremsky and Alexander Suvorov. In the same investigation, Albert Gonzalez was charged with conspiracy. It is this documented connection that links Yastremsky to a member of ShadowCrew. [1] [2]

What the US prosecution alleged

According to the prosecution, Yastremsky and Suvorov were involved in incidents relating to the theft of payment details from the restaurant chain’s systems. The published document distinguishes between the roles and charges against the three defendants. The sentence handed down to González, which was issued at a later date, relates to González. The mere fact that charges have been brought against Yastremsky does not establish his guilt on the US charges. [1] [2]

The Turkish case and extradition

The Turkish authorities detained Yastremsky in July 2007. The US sent an extradition request to Turkey. In January 2009, The Register reported a 30-year sentence for separate incidents of computer crime against Turkish banks. The US Department of Justice later also referred to the Turkish sentence. The extradition request and the sentence handed down in Turkey are different stages of the process, and the editorial team has found no confirmation of a US sentence against Yastremsky in the case described. [1] [3] [4]

Place in the series

The case files on Yastremsky document his connection to the Gonzalez case. This is enough to lay the facts side by side and show how the investigations overlapped. The published charges relating to Dave & Buster’s do not establish that Yastremsky administered ShadowCrew or CarderPlanet. [1] [2]

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Ukraine also attempted to secure his extradition

‘Ukraina Moloda’ reported that the Ukrainian Ministry of Justice had also approached Turkey with a request for Yastremsky’s extradition and received a refusal. Relatives and activists have publicly contested the charges and sought his transfer to Ukraine. These statements explain the diplomatic and public context of the case, but do not alter the content of the documents relating to the US charges or the reports of the Turkish sentence. There is no confirmed date for the completion of the Turkish sentence in the case file. [5] [1] [4]

If you have any documents or further details regarding this case, Please write to the editor.

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