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Oleg Korniev

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Oleg Korniev. Photograph from his Gaston County ID card.

Other names: Oleg Korniev

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From the job advert to the overseas recipient

Your Mule Cashout helped to move money stolen from US bank accounts. According to the prosecution, the initial contact with a person often appeared to be a job offer. The intermediary was asked to accept money into their personal account and transfer it on behalf of a fictitious employer. The US authorities have estimated the scale of the recruitment drive at approximately 15,000 people. The circumstances of each recipient and their level of awareness are being investigated individually.[1][2]

The US Department of Justice describes Korniev as a manager who was involved in managing the network's staff: he established internal rules, recruited staff and assessed their performance. This structure enabled criminal clients to request money-laundering services on various occasions.[1]

What Korniev admitted

On 8 October 2026, he pleaded guilty in federal court to five charges. These included conspiracy to commit money laundering, money laundering and aggravated identity theft. According to the Department of Justice, Korniev agreed to the forfeiture of the cash seized from him at the time of his arrest and to compensate the identified victims for their actual losses. As of 17 November, no sentence has been announced in the verified public records.[1]

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