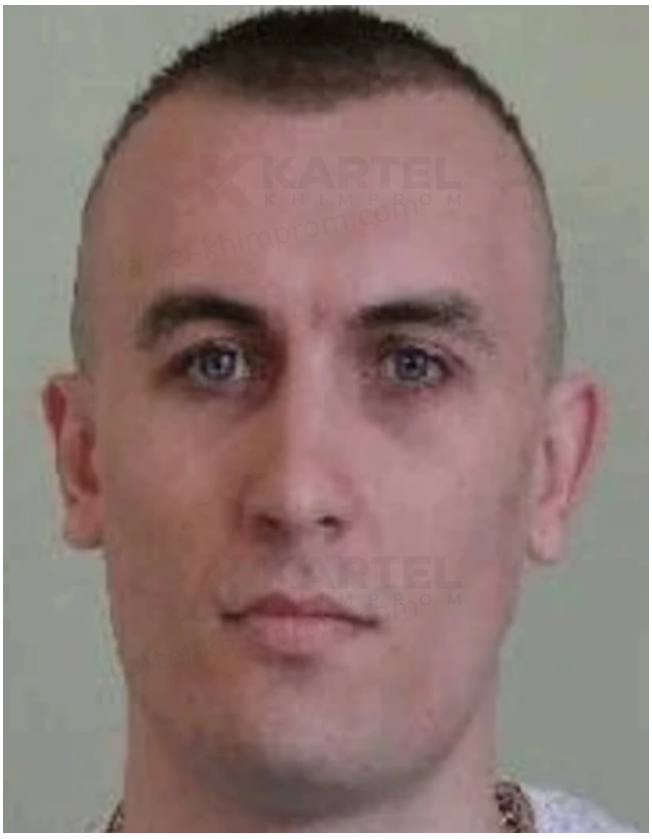
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Denis Sergeyevich Vitchimishin

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What is known about Denis Vitchimishin and Russia’s request for his extradition from Poland. Where the reports from the Ministry of the Interior and the press coincide, and which documents are still missing.



Denis Sergeyevich Vitchimishin. Portrait provided to the editorial team.

Date of birth: 05.08.1990

Status: The suspect

Other names: Denis Vitchimishin; Denis Vitchimishin; Denys Vitchimishin

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‘Suspect’ — an editorial label, according to the source, referring to a possible link with ‘Khimprom’. Procedural details are set out separately in the descriptions of the relevant cases.

Request for the extradition of Denis Vitchimishin

Editorial materials and the Khimprom.org profile state his date of birth as 5 August 1990. RT reports that Denis and Artur Vitchimishin grew up in Vatutino, in the Cherkasy region. According to the publication, the Tverskoy Court in Moscow ordered their arrest in absentia in 2018. The report concerns charges of drug trafficking, participation in a criminal organisation and forgery of documents. The editorial team has not been able to find the specific court order in the public domain.[1][3]

According to RT, Denis was detained in Poland in early 2019. In July 2020, a Polish court initially ruled that his extradition was permissible. The defence claimed the prosecution was politically motivated and, according to RT, the Polish Supreme Court subsequently refused to grant extradition. The text of the Polish ruling and the case number could not be found, so the court’s reasons are cited only as set out in the publication.[1]

What the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs has published

In 2022, the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs reported that in January 2019 it had received information regarding the detention in Poland of one of the individuals wanted in connection with the ‘Khimprom’ case. The ministry also reported that his extradition had been refused. The ministry did not specify the name of this individual. The RT report specifically identifies him as Denis. The editorial team has not been able to confirm any information regarding an ongoing manhunt from open sources.[1][2]

What role is he alleged to have played?

A source close to the editorial team links Vitchimishin to ‘Khimprom’. RT, citing its sources, also reports on Denis’s alleged work within the Russian branch of the network and his links to the production of synthetic drugs. The editorial team has not found a published judgement that would establish his personal role.[1]

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