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Artur Aleksandrovich Vitchimishin

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The Arthur Vitchimishin dossier. What an RT source said about his release in Poland and where the information about clandestine laboratories came from.



Artur Aleksandrovich Vitchimishin. Portrait provided to the editorial team.

Date of birth: 02.08.1995

Status: The suspect

Other names: Artur Vitchimishin; Artur Vitchimishin

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

Detention in Poland and various outcomes

Artur Aleksandrovich Vitchimishin was born on 2 August 1995, according to information provided to the editorial team. The same date is given in his profile on Khimprom.org. RT reported that he grew up in Vatutino, in the Cherkasy region, and was detained in Poland in early 2019, at the same time as Denis Vitchimishin.[1][3]

Sergei Pelikh, former head of a unit within the Investigative Department of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs, told RT that details of the request concerning Artur appeared in the database two days after his release. According to his account, the process of drawing up the request concerning Denis followed a different timeline. The editorial team was unable to find any publicly available Polish document confirming the reason for Artur’s release. In its statement, the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs referred to Poland’s refusal to extradite one person without specifying a name.[1][2]

Where did the claims about the laboratories come from?

A source close to the editorial team links Artur Vitchimishin to ‘Khimprom’. RT alleges that he was involved in organising the operation of clandestine laboratories in the Moscow region. The publication also quotes the account of a man who claimed that Vitchimishin offered him a job as a driver and then sent him to package the substance. This information has been published in the journalists’ account.[1]

RT reported that Artur had been arrested in absentia in Russia in 2018. The editorial team was unable to find the text of the specific court order or details of the sentence in verified open sources. Information regarding his current whereabouts and any active arrest warrant has not been confirmed.[1]

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