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Alexander Alexandrovich Gradulenko

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Alexander Gradulenko. Signed portrait from VLADIVOSTOK1.RU, 26 August 2026. The original image has been retained.

Status: Under investigation

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Key details

Full name	Alexander Alexandrovich Gradulenko
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Affiliated company	‘The Seventh Continent’
Business geography	Vladivostok and Primorye
Role in the Lyapustin case	Victim
Legal status	A victim in the Lyapustin case. According to a report by ‘Mediazona’ dated 3 July 2026, he was arrested on 25 June 2026 in connection with a separate case; the details of the charges have not been disclosed.

From a military career to gambling equipment

A 2005 interview cites his full name as Alexander Alexandrovich Gradulenko, states that he was born in Magdeburg, and mentions his education at the Makarov State Maritime University and Far Eastern State University. He spoke about his military service, his discharge following an injury, and his transition from the automotive business to the supply of gambling equipment. [1]

Since 2003, interviews have linked him to the management of the ‘Seventh Continent’ group. The company’s registration record confirms his full name. His date of birth was not calculated here from the age given in an old questionnaire. [1, 2]

Previous cases and business disputes

VLADIVOSTOK1.RU has reported on the development of his gambling projects. ‘Mediazona’ highlighted the convictions in 2013 and 2016 for the illegal organisation of gambling. These events relate to previous legal proceedings. [3, 4]

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Amidst legal troubles, assets were transferred to his partner Lyapustin. A dispute later arose over dividends and rights to the company. Gradulenko approached the law enforcement authorities – and so the corporate dispute became a criminal case. [5]

Legal registration, economic interest and actual control may not coincide. This is precisely why the terms of the share transfer and the obligations of the parties are crucial. The applicant's previous convictions do not, in themselves, resolve the issue of the subsequent appropriation of property.

A victim in the 'Melofon' case

In the Lyapustin case, Gradulenko was the victim. Following an appeal, *Kommersant* reported that over six billion roubles had been awarded to him. The defence's argument that the claimant did not have the relevant right did not alter the court's decision. [5]

This finding relates to a specific property dispute. It does not constitute a comprehensive assessment of all the entrepreneur's transactions, but determines his procedural status in the case in question.

Separate proceedings in 2026

On 3 July 2026, 'Mediazona' reported that on 25 June, the Lefortovo Court had remanded Gradulenko in custody on charges of high treason. The details of the charges were unknown. This is a separate proceeding, distinct from the case in which he is recognised as a victim. [4]

Based on the available information, it is not possible to identify specific transfers, the recipients of the funds or the presumed purpose of the actions in the new case. The publications reviewed do not mention a verdict in his case. The pre-trial measure in the file is indicated with the date of the report.

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'Melbet': betting on others' money — Lyapustin, Gradulenko and eight years for half the business — a detailed analysis of the related case. The link is provided in a separate sources section, item 6.

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