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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.

AT GREENBELT
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
DEPUTY

VADIM MIKERIN
[REDACTED]
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND

CASE NUMBER: 14-1649 CC


I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

COUNT ONE: Beginning no later than 2009 and continuing through at least in or about January 2012, in the District of Maryland and elsewhere, the defendant, Vadim Mikerin, did conspire with others known and unknown to obstruct, delay and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18, United States Code, section 1951, that is, the defendant conspired to obtain the property of Victim 1 with Victim 1's consent induced by the wrongful use of force, violence, and fear, including fear of economic loss, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951.

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Department of Energy Office of the Inspector General and that this Complaint is based on the following facts:

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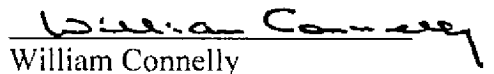
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Special Agent David Gadren
DOE OIG
Signature of Complainant

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, on

July 24, 2014 at Greenbelt, Maryland
Date

10:45 a.m.


William Connelly
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
Signature of Judicial Officer



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1. I, Special Agent David Gadren, Office of Inspector General, United States

Department of Energy, being duly sworn, do hereby state as follows:

2. I am a Special Agent with the Office of Inspector General ("OIG"), U.S.

Department of Energy ("DOE"). I have been employed by the DOE OIG since October 2008 and have been assigned to the National Capital Field Office during this time period. I am currently assigned as a Task Force Officer ("TFO") to the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") at the FBI's Washington Field Office ("WFO"). During this time period, I have participated in numerous financial fraud-related investigations. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Section 2510(7) of Title 18, United States Code, and am empowered by law to conduct investigations and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Section 3056 of Title 18, United States Code. I have received formal training in the investigation of financial crimes, including wire fraud, money laundering, and corrupt practices, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia, and at various other training organizations.

3. The information set forth in this Affidavit is known to me as a result of investigation personally conducted by me and by other law enforcement agents.

4. This Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of supporting applications for a criminal complaint and arrest warrant. Thus, I have not set forth each and every fact learned during the course of the investigation. In addition, where conversations or statements are related herein, they are related in substance and in part except where otherwise indicated.

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5. This Affidavit is respectfully submitted in support of applications for the issuance of a criminal complaint and arrest warrant for Vadim MIKERIN.

6. The facts and circumstances set forth in this Affidavit demonstrate that there is a probable cause to believe that MIKERIN conspired with others to commit extortion in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951 and money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956.

BACKGROUND AND RACKETEERING SCHEME

7. MIKERIN is employed as the general director of TENAM USA ("TENAM"), a Bethesda, Maryland based subsidiary of JSC TECHSNABEXPORT ("TENEX"), which is based in Moscow, Russian Federation. MIKERIN has been so employed since 2010 and also resides in Bethesda, Maryland.

8. TENEX is a subsidiary organization of ROSATOM, the Russian State-owned Nuclear Corporation, which is a counterpart organization of DOE in the Russian Federation. DOE and ROSATOM are the respective "executive agents" for an agreement executed in or about 1992 by the United States and the Russian Federation (the "Agreement"). This Agreement concerned the disposition of Russian highly enriched uranium ("HEU") from disassembled nuclear warheads and the sale of that material, once downblended, to U.S. nuclear utility providers. TENEX was the Russian "commercial agent" responsible for the sale and transportation of this material to the United States. MIKERIN was integral to the execution and operation of this Agreement.

9. As director of TENAM, MIKERIN ostensibly manages contracting activities between U.S. based companies and TENEX and facilitates contractual negotiations between the entities. As such, MIKERIN has direct contact with U.S. persons and companies seeking to do

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business in Russia with TENEX. TENAM is thus engaged in interstate and international commerce activities involving the sale of Russian nuclear fuel to U.S. nuclear utility providers.

10. [REDACTED] was the president of a nuclear materials transportation company, Transport Logistics International (“TLI”), based in Fulton, Maryland, from around 1996 until his death in 2011. TLI participated in the HEU Agreement by transporting Russian uranium from the Russian Federation to the United States. Under this arrangement, TLI subcontracted with the United States Enrichment Corporation (“USEC”) based in Bethesda, Maryland, which was the United States’ principal commercial agent for the HEU Agreement. [REDACTED] worked intimately with MIKERIN and TENEX and also served as president of his own company, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] based in Annapolis, Maryland, where [REDACTED] resided until his death in 2011.

11. Through my investigation I have determined that MIKERIN, [REDACTED] and other actors likely located overseas, participated in a scheme to obstruct, delay, and affect commerce and the movement of articles and commodities in commerce by extortion, as those terms are defined in Title 18, United States Code, section 1951, that is, MIKERIN attempted to obtain the property of a U.S. based company seeking to contract with TENEX in the Russian Federation, with that company’s consent induced by the wrongful use of force, violence, or fear, including fear of economic loss.

12. Further, MIKERIN, [REDACTED] and others laundered the proceeds of the racketeering scheme through a place outside the United States, with the intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity (racketeering), in order to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership, or the control of the proceeds of specified unlawful activity, knowing

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On one such occasion, MIKERIN directed CS-1 to divide up a \$25,000 cash payment into 5 yellow envelopes containing \$5,000 each. MIKERIN informed CS-1 that these envelopes were to be remitted to TENEX officials coming to the United States. During one such meeting for the purpose of attempting to renegotiate a contract with MIKERIN, CS-1 confronted MIKERIN about the kickback scheme while wearing an FBI-installed recording device. MIKERIN admitted at this meeting that these actions were illegal, and referred to the extorted funds as a “business transaction.” Further, MIKERIN told CS-1 that individuals who are responsible for facilitating the “system” of payments are potentially dangerous and might inflict harm on CS-1 if MIKERIN were to report a “problem” with the scheduled payments. Further, MIKERIN ordered CS-1 not to tell anyone about this scheme, and told CS-1 that he [MIKERIN] would deny having solicited or accepted payments if confronted about it.

16. The wire transfer payments made from CS-1 to MIKERIN pursuant to the extortion scheme were as follows:

Date	To	Recipient	Financial Institution	Amount (USD)
November 27, 2009	Alpha Bank Ltd, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	35,000.00
May 6, 2010	Alpha Bank Ltd, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	50,000.00
May 17, 2010	Alpha Bank Ltd, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	50,000.00
January 18, 2011	Eurobank EFG, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	50,000.00
February 28, 2011	Eurobank EFG, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	50,000.00
April 25, 2011	Eurobank EFG, Cyprus	Wiser	Wachovia	50,000.00
September 2, 2011	ABLV Bank, Riga, Latvia	Leila	Wells Fargo	50,000.00
October 25, 2011	ABLV Bank, Riga, Latvia	Leila	Wells Fargo	25,000.00

17. The cash payments made from CS-1 to MIKERIN pursuant to the extortion scheme were as follows:

Date	Amount (USD)	Location

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January 25, 2011	25,000.00	Washington, D.C.
October 28, 2011	25,000.00	Washington, D.C.
January 23, 2012	50,000.00	Arlington, Virginia

18. According to records received from Citibank, MIKERIN made several large cash deposits totaling \$3,500 to his personal bank account (to an ATM machine in Washington, DC over a period of seven days) in October 2011, around the same time CS-1 made a large (\$25,000) payment to MIKERIN. Additionally, MIKERIN made several unusually large cash withdrawals from his bank account in January 2012, including \$7,800 in a 14-day period, around the same time CS-1 made large payments to MIKERIN.

19. Subsequent to [REDACTED]'s death in August 2011, the FBI met with his widow and requested her permission to examine the contents of a safe over which [REDACTED] maintained control. The widow consented and, in October 2011, allowed the FBI to examine and photograph the contents of the safe, which she reportedly handed over to MIKERIN shortly afterwards. Among the contents of the safe were a checkbook belonging to MIKERIN for his Citibank account along with a debit card for this account; bank routing information for LEILA and WISER, documents pertaining to the HEU Agreement; an email to [REDACTED] from an email account known to facilitate kickback payments; and two yellow envelopes with "\$10,000", and "\$5,000" written on them, bearing MIKERIN's initials across the seal.

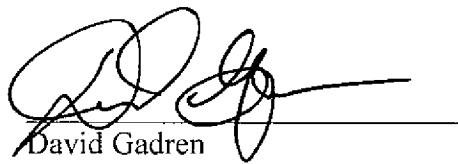
20. In addition the safe contained a paper copy of an email message from MIKERIN using an assumed name and the email address schlyapa2009@yandex.ru to [REDACTED] at a Gmail address [REDACTED] dated December 15, 2010, in which MIKERIN discusses "IFS

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CONCLUSION

28. Based on the facts set forth above, your Affiant submits respectfully that there is probable cause to believe that MIKERIN has conspired with others to commit extortion in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951 and money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956. Your affiant respectfully requests that a criminal complaint and arrest warrant be issued, as prayed.

FURTHER YOUR AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



David Gadren
Special Agent
Office of Inspector General
United States Department of Energy

Sworn and subscribed to this 24 day of July, 2014.

William Connelly
William Connelly
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
District of Maryland

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