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Head of Rusnano-Owned Company Shot

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Unikom board of directors head Mikhail Lerner was shot in the leg Monday outside the entrance to his apartment building by an unidentified assailant, police said, Interfax reported.

Fifty-year-old Lerner was shot after getting into his car Monday morning outside his apartment on the eastern edge of Moscow, an unnamed security service source told the news agency. The assailant fled the scene of the crime and is being pursued by police.

Unikom, which manufactures asphalt modifiers for use in road construction, is 35 percent-owned by state holding Rusnano.

Last year, Lerner was accused in a fraud case, with charges of illegally appropriating 30 million rubles ($1 million) through loans. An unnamed security source told Interfax that Lerner also received about 1 billion rubles ($34.5 million) using similar schemes from 2004-2008.

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