

Fugitive Polonsky's Personal Details on Interpol Website

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Polonsky's profile picture, posted on Interpol's wanted list.

Interpol has published on its website a brief <u>profile</u> and a picture of fugitive Russian tycoon Sergei Polonsky, who faces various criminal charges in Russia, Cambodia and Switzerland.

But despite having a string of charges hanging over him, Polonsky seemed like a man without a care in the world as recently as Monday, posting videos on his <u>Livejournal</u> blog of himself bathing in the Indian Ocean in Cambodia and saying, "Everything is excellent!" while a woman sunbathes topless nearby.

Polonsky was put on an international wanted list on Oct.14 on the request of the Russian authorities, who have charged him with stealing more than 5.7 billion rubles (\$172 million) from stakeholders in a residential development project implemented by his construction firm Potok, formerly Mirax Group, between 2007 and 2008.

He faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of large-scale fraud.

In late August, Polonsky was reported to be staying on his personal island in Cambodia, where, according to some reports, he received citizenship in September. His lawyer later said Cambodia may refuse to extradite him.

Swiss authorities are undertaking a criminal investigation against Polonsky on charges of money laundering, Russian investigators said earlier.

Cambodian authorities are investigating Polonsky over his reported attack on local sailors during New Year celebrations. He was detained in connection with the assault charges between January and April but was released after signing pledge not to leave the country after he paid compensations to the sailors.

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