

Russian Lawmaker's Son to Be Extradited to Seattle

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A court in the U.S. territory of Guam has approved a request to extradite a Russian lawmaker's son to Seattle to face hacking charges.

Roman Seleznev, 30, was detained in the Maldives in early July and handed over to U.S. officials in Guam. Seleznev is accused of involvement in the hacking and selling of U.S. credit card data between 2009 and 2011, causing more than \$1 million in damages.

Seleznev's lawyer, Patrick Civile, petitioned the court in Guam to drop the charges, saying the arrest was unlawful.

"The U.S. does not have the right to circumvent the Maldivian judiciary," Civile was cited as saying in court by the BBC's Russian service.

Civille also argued that the name Roman Seleznev was common in Russia, and that investigators lacked sufficient evidence that they had arrested the right man.

On Thursday, however, the court turned down Civile's request and granted the prosecutors' extradition request.

The arrest of Seleznev and his transfer to Guam has prompted outcry from Moscow officials, with the Foreign Ministry describing the arrest as a "de facto kidnapping of a Russian citizen" and "another unfriendly move by Washington" in a statement last month.

Seleznev's father Valery is a prominent State Duma deputy.

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