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U.S. Offers $3 Million Bounty for 2 Russian Cybercriminals

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Konstantin Lopatin (L) and Roman Zolotarev

A bounty of $3 million is up for grabs for information leading to the arrest of two cybercriminals believed to be in Russia, the U.S. State Department said Thursday.

Roman Zolotarev and Konstantin Lopatin, both Russian citizens, are wanted in connection with an international crime ring that committed credit card fraud and identity theft causing at least $50 million in damages, the State Department said on its website.

The ring trafficked stolen and manufactured credit cards as well as identity information via the website Carder.su, which Zolotarev is suspected of leading, the statement said.

There is a $2 million reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of Zolotarev, known online as "Admin," and $1 million for Lopatin, a.k.a "Graf."

So far 30 individuals connected with the ring have been convicted, and another 25 are either wanted or pending trial, the State Department said.

The bounties are set to be paid out by the State Department's Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program, established in 2013.

The State Department has asked anyone with information about Zolotarev or Lopatin to contact a U.S. embassy or consulate, or to call its hotline.

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