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Russian 'Hackers' Detained for $1 Million Theft From Bank Clients

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Five alleged members of a hacking ring have been detained on suspicion of stealing more than 50 million rubles (about $1 million) from Russian bank accounts, police said Saturday.

The group used a virus to gain access to the accounts of clients who had smartphones that used the Android operating system, the Interior Ministry's cybercrime department said in a statement.

The FlashNord news agency cited an undisclosed police source as saying that 20,000 to 30,000 clients of Russia's largest state bank, Sberbank, had been targeted with the virus.

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The group's alleged members have been charged with theft, as well as "creating, using

and distributing harmful computer programs," the statement said.

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