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Police Arrest Alleged U.S. Spy Working in Heart of Russian Cybersecurity

Rumors fly that a U.S. spy has been arrested in Russia's Federal Security Service

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A top cybersecurity specialist in Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) was arrested on Wednesday reportedly on suspicion of leaking information to the U.S. intelligence community — a bombshell accusation that, if true, would mean Washington had a spy in the heart of Russia's national defense infrastructure.

According to the independent newspaper Novaya Gazeta, the FSB believes Sergei Mikhailov tipped off U.S. officials to information about Vladimir Fomenko and his server rental company "King Servers," which the American cybersecurity company ThreatConnect identified last September as "an information nexus" that was used by hackers suspected of working for Russian state security in cyberattacks.

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According to the RBC news agency, a total of four individuals have been arrested in connection with the treason case against Mikhailov, including charges against Ruslan Stoyanov, the head of cybercrime investigations at Kaspersky Labs, and Dmitry Dokuchaev, who worked in the same FSB unit as Mikhailov.

The name of the fourth treason suspect is still unknown.

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