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Director of Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation Detained

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Roman Rubanov and Alexei Navalny / Navalny.com

Roman Rubanov, the director of opposition leader Alexei Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation, was detained outside his home on Tuesday morning, he wrote on Twitter.

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> Задержан судебными приставами рано утром у подъезда дома. Доставляют на Бутырский вал. pic.twitter.com/no50JzhcT0
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> — Рубанов Роман (@rrubanov) October 10, 2017

The detention comes as Navalny himself is serving a 20-day jail term for repeated calls for

nationwide demonstrations. His close ally Leonid Volkov, as well as regional campaign heads coordinating Navalny's contentious presidential bid, have also been handed jail terms.

The warrant attached to Rubanov's tweet states that he is wanted for missing a 10-day deadline to remove excerpts of a YouTube video that accuse billionaire Alisher Usmanov of bribery.

A Moscow court ruled on Aug. 11 that Navalny's foundation was to remove the video clips containing allegations that Usmanov gave Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev an $83-million mansion. Navalny and his team have stressed that they would not remove the excerpts.

Rubanov added in a later tweet that the bailiff vowed to put Navalny behind bars for his failure to remove the allegations against Usmanov. The bailiff's decision, he quotes her as saying, was "because I love Russia."

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