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US INDICTS A RUSSIAN NATIONAL FOR ACTING AS AN AGENT OF RUSSIA TO TARGET A SILICON VALLEY TECHNOLOGY AND DEFENCE COMPANY

On 18 November 2026 the US Justice Department announced that a Russian national, Igor D'iu, had been indicted in the Northern District of California on four counts: conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government, acting as an agent of a foreign government without notifying the Attorney General, interstate stalking and identification-document fraud. Prosecutors allege that he surveilled employees of a technology and defence company in Palo Alto after being recruited through Telegram. He has been in custody since his initial appearance.

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DEGREE OF PROOF

CHARGED

Suspects have been charged and Russian involvement is alleged by prosecutors; there is no verdict yet and the presumption of innocence applies.

WHO ESTABLISHED IT

US Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs: "Russian National Indicted for Acting as a Foreign Agent of Russia to Target Silicon Valley Technology and Defense Company" (press release, 18 Nov 2026).

LATEST

Indicted; in custody, next court appearance set for 24 November (18 Nov 2026).

LINK TO THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

The case is one of a series of Russian intelligence operations against Western defence industry and its staff since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

SOURCES

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https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/russian-national-indicted-acting-foreign-agent-russia-target-silicon-valley-technology-and

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OF MEMBER STATES

- Treat sabotage on your territory as part of Russia's war against Ukraine and its supporters.
- Share evidence across borders; support Eurojust and joint investigation teams.
- Sanction the GRU units and recruiters behind the operations.