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Russian national sentenced on export smuggling charges
Conspired to smuggle military equipment abroad

SCRANTON, Pa. - A Russian national was sentenced Thursday for his role in a conspiracy to smuggle military equipment, including rifle scopes, magazines for firearms, face shields and other material out of the United States, in violation of the Arms Export Control Act.
Sergey Korznikov, 42, formerly of Moscow, Russia, was sentenced to six months in prison following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). He pleaded guilty to the charge in December 2010.

Korznikov and co-conspirator Mark Komoroski were charged with conspiring to smuggle military equipment from the United States to Russia to be resold to unknown individuals. Komoroski was sentenced in July 2010 to 32 months in prison and ordered to pay a $10,000 fine. He must also serve two years of supervised release.

"Today's sentencing again demonstrates HSI's commitment to stop the illegal movement of military technology out of the United States," said John P. Kelleghan, special agent in charge of the ICE HSI Philadelphia office. "Our nation's military technology has only one legitimate user - the thousands of men and women who protect our country at home and abroad."

The Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigations Unit; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Department of Commerce; Defense Criminal Investigative Service and Pennsylvania State Police also assisted in the investigation.

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