

Attention:

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Dear Aleksey Vasilievich!

As a member of State Duma Committee for Information Policy, Information Technologies and Communications, I read publications in Russian and foreign mass media devoted to different activities pertaining to IT and High-Tech on a regular basis. Recently, a range of authoritative Russian and foreign publishers (in particular, “Cyber-imperia zla” in Russian Newsweek dated as of November 23, 2009, “Virtualnoye podpolye” in Russian Forbes dated as of March, 2006, “Following the money” in The Washington Post dated as of July 31, 2009, etc.) began to publish materials devoted to activities of a large criminal community mostly created by citizens of the Russian Federation and CIS. This criminal community carries out its unlawful activities throughout the world by causing damages not only to telecommunication technologies and their applications, but to the credibility of the Russian Federation and its law-enforcement agencies.

According to such publications, Pavel Vrublevsky, who operates in the net under the nickname Redeye, is one of the organizers, ideologists and masterminds of the above international community. Formally, Vrublevsky is the General Director of ChronoPay CJSC, a processing company which provides services on acceptance of payments by credit cards via Internet. Apart from that, he created a forum for porno-webmasters [crutop.nu](http://crutop.nu) which is fast progressing for 10 years now. The Federal Trade Commission of USA put it on the list of criminal organizations due to open discussions of many computer crimes, in particular spam.

The primary analysis of Vrublevsky’s activities shows the extent of the problem which escapes attention of law-enforcement bodies. They include trade in pornography on the

Internet that contains scenes of cruel violence, real rape, zoophilia, etc. ([etu-cash.com](http://etu-cash.com), [cash.pornocruto.es](http://cash.pornocruto.es)), unlawful banking business focused on laundering of money generated by a range of criminal activities in order to escape taxes using [fethard.biz](http://fethard.biz) and acceptance of payments for illegal sale of music files mp3 which violates author's rights of performers and illegal trade in drug-containing and controlled prescribed drastic preparations via on-line chemistry networks ([rx-promotion.com](http://rx-promotion.com), [spampromo.com](http://spampromo.com)), and illegal mass spam distribution all over the world, as well as sale of malicious software under the guise of anti-virus software, etc.

It is fair to say that in December 2007 the law-enforcement bodies attempted to terminate illegal activities of Vrublevsky. 4th Department of Investigations Unit of Investigation Directorate at the Department of the Interior for North-Western Administrative District of

Moscow instigated criminal proceedings №299249, which, however, were dismissed under puzzling circumstances within a year. Thus, an investigator who conducted the case (S.V.Maltsev) after a while made a switchover to the Security Service of Vrublevsky, and Redeye many times revealed the sum which “settled the problem” on Internet forums.

The international extent of activities carried on by crime partners of Vrublevsky is quite large - offices in many cities of Russia, bases in Ecuador, Thailand, incorporated and existing firms in many European countries, the USA, offshore jurisdictions. There is evidence that the organized criminal group headed by Vrublevsky is closely integrated with the most powerful, according to some analysts, high-tech criminal group named Al-Qaeda in the Internet - Russian Business Network (RBN) set up by Alexander Rubatsky, Belorussian hacker and trader in child pornography who is put on the Interpol's wanted list.

In this connection, the designation of P.O.Vrublevsky as a member of “Spam” Working Group at the Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications appears pretty cynical, especially his appointment to the post of Chairman for E-Commerce Committee of the National Association of E-Trade Participants, within the scope of which he participates in consulting and development of draft laws pertaining to IT and E-commerce, gives formal interviews just as at [crutop.nu](http://crutop.nu) thousands of new teenagers are involved in criminal activities who allowed themselves to be seduced by worry-free life in the network underground. We have here a merger between a criminal element and the government power which is unacceptable and inadmissible in any civilized society.

Also, the attention should be directed to the fact that ChronoPay CJSC handles a huge amount of payments via credit cards of Russia's citizens (air tickets, mobile operators, etc.). Taking the abovementioned into consideration, it can be expected that abusers always have possession of personalized data of tens of millions of would-be computer crimes victims beginning with emails, telephones, residential registrations and ending with trip itineraries of workers of any law-enforcement bodies. Further failure to endeavour to prevent the activities of this group may cause the irreparable harm both to the Russia's citizens and the credibility of our country in the international fighting against cybercrimes.

Due to the fact that actions of the above group contain constituent elements of offence provided for in Articles 146, 150, 171, 172, 173, 174, 180, 187, 198, 199, 242, 272, 273, 274, 291 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, you are kindly requested to investigate the specified facts and take actions in compliance with law. Please keep me informed of investigation results in accordance with the procedure established by the federal law.

Faithfully yours,

I.V.Ponomarev, Deputy of State Duma