

Russia charges lawyer living in U.S.

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MOSCOW -- A Russian court Monday charged a lawyer who fled to the United States last year with divulging government secrets. The charges filed in absentia against Boris Kuznetsov stem from a complaint he had filed claiming that the Federal Security Service has illegally tapped the phone of a high-profile client in a bribery case, former Sen. Levon Chakhmakhchyan. Divulging state secrets carries a four-year prison term. The Moscow Times said it was not immediately known if Russia would seek the extradition of Kuznetsov, who has been granted political asylum in the United States.

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