

Son of Russian lawmaker faces new hacking charges

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A Russian national arrested this year by US officials was indicted on additional hacking charges, alleging he led a scheme to steal some two million credit card numbers, officials said.

Roman Valerevich Seleznev, the 30-year-old son of a Russian lawmaker, now faces 40 criminal counts including wire fraud and identity theft, the Justice Department said in a statement Thursday.

The superseding indictment returned late Wednesday by a grand jury in Seattle, Washington, offered more details on the alleged scheme to create an underground network to facilitate the theft and sales of [credit card data](#).

Seleznev was arrested in July, to face [charges](#) in a prior indictment.

Seleznev and his partners hacked into computer payment systems and stole [credit card numbers](#) from dozens of retailers in Seattle and other cities around the United States, prosecutors alleged.

The numbers were then sold on "dump shop websites" which facilitate sales of stolen [credit card information](#).

"The additions in this superseding indictment show how cybercriminals use the Internet not only to infiltrate and steal sensitive data, but also to teach other criminals how to navigate the [credit-card](#) selling underworld and get equipment that can be used to defraud US citizens," said

Assistant Attorney General Leslie Caldwell.

Seleznev is currently scheduled for trial on November 3 and will be arraigned on the new charges sometime next week, officials said. He faces additional charges in Nevada.

Acting US Attorney Annette Hayes said that Seleznev "was a leader in the marketplace for stolen credit card numbers, and even created a website offering a tutorial on how to use stolen credit [card numbers](#) to commit crime."

In July, Moscow accused Washington of abducting Seleznev from the Maldives, in a further strain on US-Russia relations.

The State Department countered that there was "no kidnapping involved" in the arrest.

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