



(S//SI) NSA-Spanish Collaboration Nabs Crime Figures

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(S//SI) Since February 2006, NSA has had a DNI-approved relationship with the Spanish National Intelligence Center (CNI) on Organized Crime. Exploration in this area began more than a year prior to the approval, and focused on Ukrainian and Russian crime figures with ties to Spain. This exchange has included lead names and numbers, in both directions, and background information about targets of mutual interest, particularly travel and location information. When this collaboration began, nobody could imagine the results achieved so far!



(S//SI) Spanish National Intelligence Center (CNI)

(S//SI) The feedback from CNI highlights their excellent use of the leads provided and the exemplary collaboration with national law enforcement agencies to secure the arrest or further develop information on targets brought to their attention through NSA reporting or lead information. Additionally, these law enforcement successes have raised public attention to this issue and CNI expects the national priority of this target to increase in the near term.

(S//SI) The CNI recently informed NSA of the following achievements, directly resulting from the exchange with NSA:

- (TS//SI) One of the most successful events resulted from information provided by NSA on Zakhar Kalachov in May 2006. NSA provided background reporting that Kalachov often traveled to his residence in Dubai, UAE. With this information, along with information from various CNI HUMINT sources indicating he would be in a Middle Eastern country for a meeting the first week of May, CNI was able to confirm Kalachov's location, facilitating his arrest. **Kalachov is currently in prison in Spain**, without bail, waiting for his court hearing. According to CNI, this arrest was the result of over a year's intelligence work and has resulted in the recovery of over 500 million Euros in property and cash.
- (TS//SI) Other information provided by NSA, on Oleg Vorontsov, allowed CNI to identify him as a priority-two target. Data obtained from the arrest of Kalashov and NSA has raised the profile of this target considerably and both organizations have agreed to exchange information on this individual as it relates to his activities in Spain. **Both the CNI and Spanish law-enforcement agencies (LEAs) are focusing attention on Vorontsov and expect that an operation will be mounted against him soon.**
- (S//SI) CNI also reported NSA's assistance on a range of crime targets provided critical information that contributed to **arrests of Russian organized crime figures in Spain** during Operations Red Marble and Wasp. CNI noted the information provided by NSA "gave CNI new investigative leads. This work, in turn, allowed Spanish law enforcement agencies to gather enough evidence to request judicial authorities to place some individuals under custody."
- (S//SI) Some leads from NSA have opened **entirely new lines of investigation** for the CNI. Information provided on a company in Spain, Vera Metalurgica, linked to Russian crime bosses, has focused CNI's attention on this business and made it the top-priority money laundering/crime target in Spain. Additional leads, later developed by CNI, are being shared with Spanish LEAs and will most likely lead to a money laundering operation against this company, among others.

(S//SI) Other targets the two services have agreed to work against are Mikail Gluschenko, "Baty from Spain," and various companies associated with other targets of mutual interest.

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