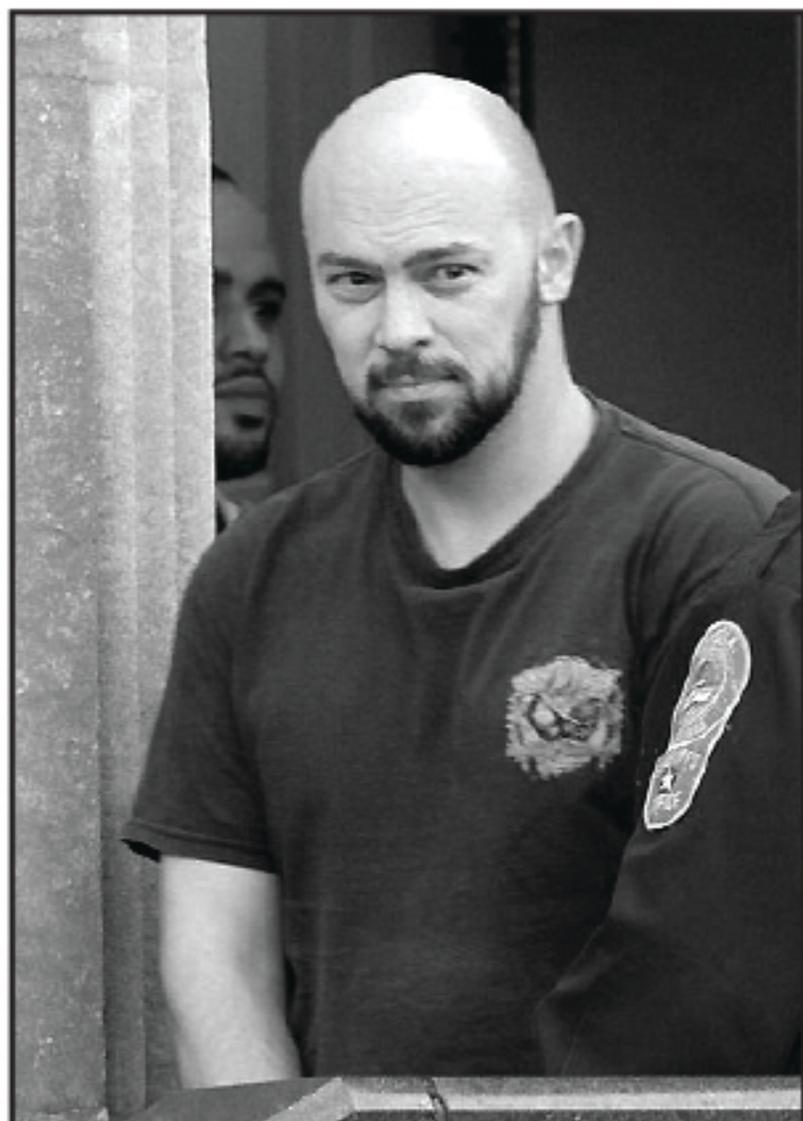


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ROBERT PATRICK HOFFMAN b.1973



Robert Patrick Hoffman II, a Cryptologic Technician and 20-year Navy veteran, divulged national defense information to individuals he believed to be Russian agents.

In 2012, the FBI began investigating Hoffman after learning he had spent three weeks in Belarus the year before, to determine whether he would divulge classified secrets. Agents posing as operatives of the Russian Federation contacted Hoffman seeking defense information. He traded numerous emails with an FBI agent he thought was a Russian spy named Vladimir.

On three occasions, Hoffman filled a drop site with encrypted thumb drives containing classified national defense information. He then went to the FBI and asked for their help in catching his Russian handlers. He claimed to have revealed sensitive information to gain their trust in order to apprehend them.

A jury convicted Hoffman in 2013 and sentenced him to 30 years in prison.

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