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# COUNTERINTELLIGENCE CASE STUDY



## Counterintelligence Awareness Case Study: Night Vision Devices



Vladimir Nevidomy

### What Happened?

- Between April 2013 and November 2013, Vladimir Nevidomy received emails from Russian customers requesting military-grade night vision rifle scopes, thermal monoculars, and ammunition primers - all of which are on the U.S. Munitions List and subject to export control by the Department of State. Nevidomy illegally shipped or attempted to ship these items to his associate in Russia.
- In April 2013, Nevidomy received a wire transfer from a Shanghai, China, bank account for the purchase and shipment of two ATN MARS 4x4 night vision rifle scopes. That same day, Nevidomy purchased two scopes from a U.S. vendor by falsely representing that the item was not for export.
- In May 2013, Nevidomy wired money to a U.S. vendor for the purchase of an ODIN 61BW thermal multi-purpose monocular, again falsely representing that the item was not for export. Later, he received a wire transfer from a bank account in Riga, Latvia, for the purchase of a third ATN Mars 4X4 night vision rifle scope. On the same day, Nevidomy sent a wire transfer to a U.S. vendor, part of which was for the purchase of the third ATN Mars 4X4 night vision rifle scope.
- In July 2013, an email was sent to Nevidomy requesting 1,000 large-rifle ammunition primers to be shipped to Vladivostok, Russia.
- In October 2013, Nevidomy attempted to export the 1,000 large-rifle ammunition primers to Vladivostok. The primers were seized by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and Nevidomy was arrested.



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### Impact

- On June 4, 2018, Nevidomy was sentenced to 26 months in U.S. prison, followed by 3 years supervised release for conspiring to illegally export defense technology - night vision and thermal vision devices and ammunition primers – without a license to Russia.
- This case study is another example of aggressive and successful foreign targeting and collection efforts for night vision device technology, which is an export-controlled defense technology included on the U.S. Munitions List.
- Billions of dollars' worth of sensitive and classified U.S. technologies are stolen annually through economic espionage.



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