

### **Gennady Vostretsov**

"Henry Greenberg" the alias for a white male born June 1, 1959 in Samara, Russia who lives in America illegally and has, for the most part, for three decades. He has also admitted under oath to being a longtime FBI informant, and claims to have worked with the FBI in Iran and North Korea.

"Greenberg" has used at least four different names: His birth name is Gennady Vasilievich Vostretsov, the son of Yekatrina Vostretsova and Vasliy Vostretsov. He later adopted new names twice as a result of two different marriages and became Gennady V. Arzhanik and later Henry Oknyansky. Henry Greenberg is not a legal alias, but he uses it quite commonly in recent years.

Vostretsov has a criminal record in California and Florida for assault with a deadly weapon, theft, assault, DUI, and domestic violence. He has an extensive criminal record in Russia that includes at least two charges of stealing a total \$5 million in two separate cases.

There is also some evidence Vostretsov may have ties to Russian organized crime in the US and Russia.

He has lived in Texas, California and Florida. His first appearance in United States public records was August 1993 in Studio City, Calif. Vostretsov has had a total of 18 addresses in all three states despite the fact he spent at least two years in immigration detention and stayed out of the US from 2000 to 2010, according to his own admission. He only spent a total 15 years in the US so far.

Vostretsov took the last name of Arzhanik in March 1990, after his marriage to Russian actress **Elena Anatolievna Arzhanik**, according to Russian public records. She starred in the famous Russian movie of that era, *City of Zero*, as the naked secretary.

In the US, he has been known also as **Henry Oknyansky**, born June 1, 1959. Oknyansky has used social security number XXX-XX-XXXX. The number indicates it was issued in California. Oknyansky obtained a California driver's license, #B4145XXX. He also obtained a Florida driver's license, #O255-380-59-XXX-X.

He has also identified himself more recently as Henry Greenberg, including in South Florida media interviews for his plan to open a restaurant in Miami in 2016. He appeared before the Miami River Commission as well about the restaurant plan and

identified himself as Henry Greenberg. In official records, he identified himself falsely as Henry Greenberg as registered agent of his Florida-based corporation, Longmore LLC.

In a remarkable 2015 court affidavit (attached), Vostretsov admitted that he is FBI informant who worked for the agency for more than 17 years. He appears to have traded information about criminal activity for temporary visas provided to him by the FBI. We were able to collect 14 different Significant Public Benefit Parole (SPBP) documents allowing him to enter the US. This type of visa waiver is made available to international persons participating in a law enforcement action as an informant.

The steady flow of these special waivers, with upgrades like multi-entry status and extensions, indicate his involvement and success in FBI informant projects.

While Vostretsov claimed in the 2015 affidavit he sent to an immigration judge that he stopped working for the FBI that year, it would be safe to assume that if a criminal alien with his immigration background is still in the US today, he is only here with the support from the US government and is still working with the FBI.

# Work with FBI

Vostretsov's work with the FBI seems to stem from deportation proceedings against him started in California in 1997 and his presence in the Los Angeles criminal underworld that led to criminal charges.

Vostretsov was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon in Los Angeles (see details below) and subsequently convicted in August 1994. He was sentenced to probation. In May 1995, however, his probation was revoked (see below) and he was sentenced to three years in prison.

While he was in prison, immigration officials started deportation proceedings. He was released from California state prison and taken into the custody of federal authorities for at least two years. (more below)

He voluntarily left the county in 2000, closing his case without the entry of a deportation order – thus, giving himself the possibility to return legally.

Vostretsov spent at least ten years abroad, including stints in Moscow, North Korea and Iran. He began his work as an FBI informant during that period. He even identified his FBI handler as Agent **David D. Baker**, who may be retired at this time.

Vostretsov returned to the US in 2010, but his immigration status remains in limbo, swinging from one FBI informant visa waiver to another.

Vostretsov spelled out his relationship with the FBI in an affidavit that, while frustrated with the uncertainty and his inability to convince an immigration court to give him a permanent status in the US, he filed on Aug. 19, 2015 in federal court. (see attachment Henry Greenberg INS file)

Vostretsov filed the affidavit – under oath – and dozens of pages of supporting evidence that should not have been made public where he admits being an FBI informant. In his affidavit (pages 2-3 of attachment henry INS file), Vostretsov claims the FBI offered to help him obtain an S-5 visa. That visa is reserved for law enforcement informants and witnesses who provide information about criminal organizations.

In his stunning two-page note, Vostretsov says he risked his life to provide information that led to "arrests of criminals for drugs and human trafficking, money laundering and insurance fraud. U.S. Treasury revoked many visas from criminal groups, for money laundering and association with international criminal entities, based on my information." There is evidence (see below) that Vostretsov provided condemning evidence on top Russian crime syndicate boss **Vladislav Leontyev**.

Further, Vostretsov states "wherever I was, from Iran to North Korea, I always send information to Mr. Baker."

The paperwork attached to the affidavit also shows how FBI agent Baker helped Vostretsov obtain U.S. visas. In 2008, he was able to visit the U.S. twice for 90 days. And again in 2009. In 2010, with Baker's help, Vostretsov received a temporary work permit for one year. These visas were often later sweetened with multi-entry status, allowing Vostretsov to travel freely abroad.

It's important to note that Diana Tsang, former chief of the Law Enforcement Parole Branch of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, often personally approved Vostretsov's visa waivers. She was the highest level branch official responsible for granting visas to FBI informants.

From the paperwork Vostretsov provided (also attachment henry INS file), he was detained when he arrived into Miami on Oct. 2, 2013. He was released but his arrival launched yet another deportation procedure. He writes in his affidavit Special Agent Baker was getting ready to retire in 2013 and he transferred Vostretsov to his colleagues in Miami.

In the document, Vostretsov claims he stopped cooperating with the FBI out of frustration for his lack of immigration status. It also appears FBI agents surrendered Vostretsov to the Department of Homeland Security for deportation. He says a supervisor at DHS released him, and he's been waiting for his day in court since.

What Vostretsov may not have known is that Russian media reported that information provided by the FBI led Russian authorities to Vostretsov when he was arrested for embezzlement in 2002.

As far as his continued presence in the US, meanwhile, it appears Vostretsov has been illegally in the US since 2011. His presence, however, has been tolerated because of his work for authorities.

It strains credulity that US immigration services would allow a violent out-of-status alien arrested four times in two states to remain in the country without supervision. Which leads to this question about a government pact with the devil: Was the US government under **Barack Obama** closing its eyes on the presence of a criminal illegal alien in the US who claim he could inform on the Trump campaign?

## **Criminal Records**

Henry Vostretsov has been arrested in the US at least four times since 1993 in two states, California and Florida, and at least four times in Russia for crimes committed between 1959 and 1993.

In the US, three case numbers (four if you include the duplicate) have been assigned to him in the Los Angeles area. (Please note that the details of the incidents may not be available because of the time elapsed, but requests to see the paperwork were made with the Los Angeles County court system):

**Last Name:** Oknyansky (Exact Match) **First Name:** Henry (Exact Match)

New Search

#	Name	Def. ID	Case Number	Filing Date	Filing Location
1	ARZHANIK, GENNADY (OKNYANSKY, HENRY -ALIAS)	01	BA110029	03/13/1995	Central District (XCN)
2	ARZHANIK, GENNADY (OKNYANSKY, HENRY -ALIAS)	01	LA016675	02/24/1994	Van Nuys Courthouse West (LAV)
3	ARZHANIK, GENNADY (OKNYANSKY, HENRY -ALIAS)	01	BA110029	02/07/1995	Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center (LAC)
4	OKNYANSKY, HENRY	01	7BH00766	04/07/1997	Beverly Hills Courthouse (BH)

Case LA 016675: On Jan. 18, 1994 – just months after his arrival into the US – Vostretsov was arrested on the territory of the city of Los Angeles on three charges: displaying a firearm in a threatening manner; assault with a firearm; assault with a deadly weapon. The first two charges were dismissed, and he was found guilty of the third after pleading no contest, possibly in a plea bargain agreement. He was sentenced to probation, but Vostretsov also became a convicted felon. (see attachment Vostretsov assault)

Case BA 110029: On Dec. 1, 1994 and again in Los Angeles, Vostretsov was arrested on charges of illegally carrying a firearm by convicted felon and domestic assault. He was found not guilty of both charges in Feb. 1995. However, Vostretsov's probation for the previous conviction was then revoked and he was sentenced to three years in prison. An accomplice, **Dmitry David Zilberg** (who now lives in Providence, R.I.), was charged as an accessory to Vostretsov's crimes but was not prosecuted.

Vostretsov appealed the violation of probation and managed to remain out of prison until INS imprisoned him for a deportation procedure in mid-1997 in the case below.

**Case 7BH 0076**: On March 25, 1997, Vostretsov was charged by Beverly Hills Police with petty theft, or theft of property worth less than \$950. The case was not prosecuted, but his arrest appears to have triggered action by immigration authorities and his jailing for at least two years while awaiting deportation.

In Aventura, Florida, Vostretsov was arrested for driving under the influence on <u>April 18</u>, <u>2012</u>. He was also arrested in Aventura on <u>July 28</u>, <u>2016</u>, and charged with driving while impaired (see attachment Vostretsov DYI). In Beverly Hills, California, Vostretsov was arrested for public drunkenness on <u>August 6</u>, <u>2017</u>.

In the 2016 DUI arrest, by his own admission in court records, Vostretsov was in the area of and may have been leaving the strip club Dean's Gold around 163<sup>rd</sup> Street and Biscayne Boulevard in North Miami Beach when he was clocked by Miami-Dade County Police going 80 mph in a 45-mph zone.

He couldn't stay in his lane and was pulled over. Cops smelled liquor on his breath. According to court records, he had an argument with the officer and refused to submit himself to field sobriety tests, a Breathalyzer and blood tests.

He was found guilty of refusal to take a test and his license was suspended for a year. He appealed that case in a Miami-Dade court, but the appeals magistrate upheld the lower court's decision.

In Russia, meanwhile, his troubles with the law started in 1979, when he was sentenced to one year in prison for "malicious willful evasion of child support payment." In 1981, a court in Tolyatti, a city near Samara that is home to the Russian car industry, sentenced him to three years of "strict regime" for theft and receiving stolen property.

In 1984, he was sentenced to five years in prison for an attempt to commit fraud. But the most serious charges leveled against him in Russia came in 1993, about the time he moved to the US. It appears he was charged with embezzlement in two separate incidents.

On April 12, 1993, as the director of a company called Finintorg, Vostretsov was accused of trying to use forged documents to enter into an agreement with a company named CJSC Irtysh to supply 50 million tin cans of meat. He received an advance from the buyers, 127.3 million rubles (or \$2 million USD), but spent it on stocks, cars and other personal items instead of using the money to buy the goods.

On Sept. 17, 1993, he was accused of running the same scam with a company named KMV and received 200 million rubles (or 3 million USD).

Here is how it happened: Representing himself as the son of a war hero of the old Soviet Union, Admiral **Vasily Arzhanik**, Vostretsov told company officials he could deliver a whole ship of products from the US for only \$15 million if the company were to help him pay a 20 percent down payment.

With cash and checks, the company collected almost \$3 million and gave it Vostretsov who then showed documents that the ship with the goods was about to arrive in St.

Petersburg. Company officials eventually figured out the ship mentioned by Vostretsov indeed arrived, but with a scrap metal cargo instead of food.

Worried company officials rushed to Moscow to figure out what was going on. Vostretsov, however, managed to reassure them by producing more legit-looking paperwork and organizing a reception in an expensive Moscow restaurant with top businessmen brought over in limousines.

The company's men were satisfied that Vostretsov was for real. And within days, he transferred \$3 million to a Dutch bank and left the country without delivering any merchandise.

Vostretsov wasn't arrested because, at the time, it appears he had escaped to America. Russian authorities, however, In Krasnodar, a criminal case for millions of fraudulent "produce" was opened in Krasnodar, but the Interior Ministry officers did not manage to talk with Arzhanik and Zingerman. Law enforcement issued a warrant for Vostretsov's arrest on Feb. 1, 1996.

Years later, Vostretsov was arrested on Feb. 4, 2002 in Moscow, two years after he voluntarily left the US under immigration violations and returned to Russia, according to records obtained. It appears he was arrested a second time on the 1993 fraud charges on Nov. 12, 2002, also in Moscow. These arrests were apparently spurred on by information provided to Russian law enforcement by the US FBI in late 2001 when the FBI, which had been checking Vostretsov's record in Russia after his deportation, tipped them off.

Vostretsov lived in Moscow for about a year prior to his December arrest under the name Henry Oknyansky, according to the Moscow Times. He had a Foreign Ministry press accreditation card that helped him move around freely.

Moscow-based American grifter-cum-film-producer **Michael Bass**, who became acquainted with Vostretsov -- or Oknyansky, as he knew him -- in Los Angeles, said he and Daly tipped off the FBI. Bass said they became suspicious of Vostretsov after he began making claims that he was involved in a movie deal with Daly.

In fact, Bass has his own colorful record in Moscow and around the world, a truly suitable companion for Gennady Vostretsov.

Vostretsov was freed after both arrests after a few weeks in jail, something that indicates he benefitted from protection from police or the court system, or that he paid a bribe to be released. This is not uncommon in Russia.

After his release, Vostretsov remained in Moscow. He was cited for DUI on Feb. 15, 2003 in Moscow while at the wheel of a BMW 318. He also was reported as part of vehicle accidents in 2003 and 2004. During this time, he registered a rented apartment on Sheremetyevskaya Street in Moscow and flew to St. Petersburg from Moscow, according to ticket reports.

Our sources in Moscow say Vostretsov is currently wanted by police in Moscow in connection with automobile theft. Today, he is on a "wanted" list.

#### Women Associated with Vostretsov

Through his address history, Facebook postings and the cross-checking of official records, we were able to identify Vostretsov's girlfriend as **Jekaterina Jefremova**, dob 2/1/XXXX, SS# 757-XX-XXXX. It appears they have been together for at least seven years, according to her U.S. address history.

Here is a photo of the two of them:



It should be noted Vostretsov has not posted a photo of the woman on social media since the above shot was posted in early February. There is, therefore, the distinct possibility they could be separated.

After Vostretsov married popular Russian actress Elena Arzhanik in 1990 and took her surname as his own, the couple then moved to the US, where his wife continued her career in film. Vostretsov blended in quite well. This marriage ended, and Arzhanik is still a working actress in Moscow today.

Records in Las Vegas and Los Angeles also show that Vostretsov was married again after his arrival into the US. A May 17, 1993 marriage license in Las Vegas shows he married **Aneta Zelensky**, SSN XXX-XX-XXXX, born November 4, XXXX. They were divorced Aug. 15, 1997 in Los Angeles.

Zelensky still lives in Los Angeles. Her Facebook page, which shows no photo of her, is mostly political. She appears to be pro-Trump and a fan of **Rush Limbaugh** and anything Fox News. It was during this marriage registration that Vostretsov changed his name from Arzhanik to Oknyansky.

### How we know Vostretsov is Oknyansky/Arzhanik?

We were able to match Vostretsov with Oknyansky by comparing the mug shot obtained by Miami Dade Police when he was booked for DUI July 28, 2016 (see below) with a photo published Oct. 14, 2016 in <a href="mailto:therealdeal.com">therealdeal.com</a>, a real estate website, about Vostretsov's plans through the company Longmore LLC of opening a restaurant on the Miami River. The mugshot is on the left, The Real Deal's photo on the right:





Longmore LLC was started, records show, in May 2016 with Henry Vostretsov as registered agent and one **Maxim Dyakov** as president. (Dyakov doesn't appear to live in the US). The company was, still is, based in North Miami. It's a non-descript strip mall with cheap commercial rentals, including a mail drop. (see attachment longmore 2016)

Vostretsov is identified in *The Real Deal* interview as the Longmore managing partner, and he names Dyakov as his partner in Russia.

In 2017, however, is when the potential fraud is more obvious: Longmore LLC listed Greenberg as registered agent and Oknyansky as director without mentioning that they're one and the same. (see attachment longmore 2017)

In October 2017, an amendment to the company's structure filed with the state shows the removal of Oknyansky as director and addition of one **Ekatarina Novikova** as manager. This indicates Okyansky could have been kicked out of a corporation he started. (see attachment longmore 2017 amendment)

The same structure, Novikova as manager and registered agent and Dyakov as director remains in place in 2018. (see attachment longmore 2018)

#### Vostretsov Businesses

In addition to Longmore, Oknyanasky registered another company in Florida in 2017, Vilavi USA Inc., and it lists an address in Cyprus: Konstantinou Symeonidi 7, Limassol Spurs 3080. The company's US address is the same address as Longmore. (see attachment Vilavi USA)

Neither Longmore nor Vilavi appear to have assets, employees nor office space. Longmore's plans, however, once were ambitious.

According to published news reports in October 2016, Longmore wanted to rent an 8,000-square-foot space in an old boatyard on the mostly industrial Miami River fit for 300 diners at 961 NW Seventh Street in Miami to open a restaurant.

There was to be covered boat slips to bring diners from the water. A second phase was to include an exclusive supper club and nightclub with a helipad on top.

The space is owned, according to public records, by local landowner **Baba Joshua Yesharim**, who also owns adjacent properties.

In <u>this online interview</u>, Vostretsov identified Longmore as a part of a Moscow company called "The Restaurant Syndicate," an entity that supposedly owns nine restaurants in Moscow, and **Maxim Dyakov**, as a Moscow-based partner. There was a drawing of what the restaurant would look like by Formgroup Architecture & Planning architect Omar Morales.

The new restaurant was to open in March 2017 and Vostretsov said he requested permits. The project didn't go beyond its first hurdle, approval by the Miami River

Commission. Vostretsov, alongside architect Morales, appeared before the commission in January 2017. And so did his opposition, Spring Garden Civil Association President Dr. **Ernie Martin**. Martin's neighborhood, adjacent to the would-be restaurant, opposed the plan for the site directly to the south because residents were concerned about potential restaurant noise, particularly from outdoor dining and entertainment.

In early 2017, according to public records, the Miami River Commission voted against the project 11-0 but did recommend that the city amend its zoning code for the Longmore application. (click here for more details) Vostretsov didn't appear to go further and didn't apply for the state license governing restaurants.

He apparently got a taste for business at home in Russia. According to records there, he befriended well-known businessman **Henry Zingerman**, a Russian-born American citizen who owned First Professional Bank in Moscow. According to Russian media reports, Zingerman had financial ties to notorious businessman Semyon Mogolievich.

According to records obtained in Russia, Zingerman opened doors for Vostretsov. Under Zingerman's tutelage, Vostretsov created his Finintorg company. Through Zingerman's contacts at the Russian Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs and \$50 million from investors, Vostretsov managed to profit from a foreign assistance program to Russia.

Zingerman may have been involved in Vostretsov's embezzlement schemes, but he worked mostly in the Ukraine and was not arrested in Russia. Like Vostretsov, he moved to North America. Except that, in 1999, Zingerman died in mysterious circumstances in Mexico: he was hit by a motorboat while swimming in the ocean. Vostretsov was present that day and after this incident, he disappeared.

## Vostretsov's U.S. Addresses, And Friends In Hollywood

Henry Vostretsov doesn't appear to own property in the US. However, he has had a presence in three states: California, Texas and Florida, where he's been extremely transient, garnering at least 18 different addresses and making him difficult to track down.

Vostretsov still receives mail at 19501 West Country Club Drive, Apt. 2606, Aventura, Fla. 33180. It's a one-bedroom, one-bathroom condo located in the aging Turnberry On The Green complex. With an estimated value of \$254,000, the condo is relatively cheap comparatively. It's owned by a woman named **Michelle V. Frank Matz**, who no longer lives at that address.

Matz is married and recently had a baby, so the likelihood is that she only rented the condo to Vostretsov.

According to his immigration file, he received correspondence at 600 Three Islands Boulevard, Apt. 1820, Hallandale Beach, Fl 33009. He likely used that condo as his address between August 2013 and September 2017.

Between 2007 and July 2015, the condo was owned by **Dima Petrova Mircheva**, 40, a State of Pennsylvania civil engineer who may have been born in Bulgaria.

She may have been renting the condo to Vostretsov because, during that period, she lived in Philadelphia.

Finally, he may be staying with girlfriend Jekaterina Jefremova at 1755 East Hallandale Boulevard, # 2204E, Hallandale Beach, FL 33160. She has been receiving her mail there since August 2015.

Like his other addresses, the condo is worth about \$250,000 and is on an upper floor in an aging high-rise alongside the ocean.

It's also a rented condo owned by an investment company named Duo Del Mar LLC, 3301 NE 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, #2202, Aventura, FL 33160.

Since his arrival to the US until today, Vostretsov also has been receiving mail at 8818 Thrasher Avenue in Los Angeles, a \$6.5 million-house owned by movie producer **William Hunt Block**, 64, a.k.a. Bill Block, who counts movies like *W*, *Vanilla Sky* and *Elysium* among his productions.

Block may be the Hollywood movie producer befriended by Vostretsov upon his arrival. Block happens to be married to Russian actress and model **Eugenia Kuzmina**, who usually stars in his movies. She may be associated with Elena Arzhanik, Henry's former actress wife who moved with him to Hollywood.

Block, however, wasn't the only movie industry figure in Vostretsov's sights. *Platoon*, *Terminator* and *Hoosiers* producer **John Daly**, who died in 2008, was another high-profile Hollywood leader who hung out with Vostretsov.

According to our Moscow investigation, Daly may have sought Vostretsov's help for a \$40 million movie because a part of the filming was to take place on the Russian space station *Mir*, and Vostretsov was to facilitate the project. It doesn't seem the movie was ever made.

When he was arrested in Moscow in 2002 on a tip from the FBI, Vostretsov was living in a Moscow apartment with Daly. He falsely claimed to be an American citizen and flashed photos of himself with **Oliver Stone**, **Steven Spielberg**, **Sylvester Stallone** and others. In the apartment Vostretsov shared with Daly, police found three passports with false names and dozens of high limit credit cards made out to different companies.

#### Social Media

Vostretsov has a solid Facebook presence. If there weren't photographic proof, one might question the accuracy of his claims of travels, but the photos appear to be evidence he is traveling well beyond his apparent means.

The postings that are currently visible start in November 2016 until May 2018. In general terms, Vostretsov professes to like Trump and Putin but he is not very political, at least on FB. He posts mostly photos from his travels and of his girlfriend to keep in touch with friends and family in Russia.

His written English is tentative at best, and some of his stream-of-consciousness musings sound like a badly tuned piano. At times, his posts simply make no sense.

He has a social media presence as <u>Henry Vostretsov on Facebook</u>, where he claims to have studied at Princeton University, a lie. He claims to be from Moscow and a fan of **Donald Trump** and Russian President **Vladimir Putin**.

In his FB profile photo below, he wears a Trump t-shirt.



His latest FB entry was at 2:22 a.m. May 10, and he claimed to be posting from Baltimore. He saluted Trump attending the arrival of the three prisoners released from North Korea:

"As you want to call it, but it's a unique footage...

The President of the country, at 3 in the morning, with his wife and Vice President, personally came to the airfield to meet the 3's, released by North Korea, prisoners who had spent no year in her custody.

It's fantastic!!!!!!

I wonder if GDP would allow itself to be disturbed in the middle of the night for such a "change"??

I'm not sleeping either, I'm worried..

I am proud to live in such a country and proud to be part of this free society (without politics, please).

Fish <sup>¶</sup>□ Too American and patriot more!!!"

This year, he allegedly posted from Cayo Costa, an island off Florida's West Coast, New Orleans on March 8, Birmingham, Ala., on March 3, Asheville, N.C. in February and the Virgin Islands for New Year 2018 and Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. in September 2017.

For someone who appears to have no assets or income in the US – no property, no car – Vostretsov has been traveling quite a bit. Here is his entry from D.C. in September 2017:



"Standing at the cradle of a real constitution,!!

In The Cradle of true freedom, love, equality and Brotherhood -, where first amendment is not just-freedom of speech.-, it is freedom of expression.. in the direct sense of the word. What do you want to be: Red, white or...- Blue. (chuckles)

At The Cradle of this, still zagnivaûŝego capitalism, which many continue to read only in

the new newspaper.

At The Cradle of the opportunism-from. Possibilities.

American dream..

Who was nothing, he became everything!! Literally.

Someone Senator, someone singer, someone movie star, someone fucking athlete, and someone even-President...!!!!!

The moral of this story is:

THERE's NOTHING BETTER THAN FREEDOM!"

He appears to have no presence on Twitter or Instagram.

#### Civil Court Records

Henry Vostretsov appears to be litigious, especially when it comes to government. He has sued INS and/or the federal government four times over his pre-deportation detention. He was represented by public defenders or he represented himself.

In the four cases he filed against the government in federal courts California, he argued he should be released from immigration custody. His main arguments were that, when he was convicted for assault in California state courts and ended on the radar of immigration authorities, he received ineffective counsel and his right to due process was violated because he didn't understand English.

Two of the cases were dismissed outright, and two ended when he left the US in early 2000. All cases contained handwritten, rambling statements from Vostretsov that didn't often make sense.

In Los Angeles County civil court, a former girlfriend identified as **Elena Woroboff** filed twice in 1999 – April 15 and June 8 – a civil petition to prevent domestic violence. In the second filing, Woroboff was represented by a local lawyer named **Mark Vincent Kaplan**.

Both case appear to have been dismissed without the issuance of a petition against domestic violence in 2000, when he left the country. Note that the cases were filed days after his release from INS custody and before his imminent departure from the US.

## Alleged Ties With Organized Crime

There is circumstantial evidence that Vostretsov may be tied to Russian organized crime in the US and elsewhere.

For example, apt. 2606 at 19501 West Country Club Drive in Aventura, where Vostretsov is still receiving mail today, was also used from March 2012 to November 2015 by one **Vladislav Leontyev**.

Also, there are indications Leontyev may have used the same Miami phone number that Vostretsov current uses, T-Mobile provider's phone number 305-766-XXXX.

Leontyev, 48, happens among six individuals designated by the US Department of The Treasury for sanctions, <u>according to an Oct. 30, 2013 press release by Treasury</u>. He is believed to be a member of The Brothers' Circle, a group of leaders of global criminal groups largely based in the former Soviet Union.

The Brothers' Circle serves as a coordinating body for several organized crime networks, mediates disputes between gangs and directs criminal activity on a worldwide scale.

Treasury deemed that Leontyev was involved in the drug and illegal precious metal trade and froze his assets in the US. The department also made it illegal for U.S. citizens to conduct business with Leontyev.

It doesn't appear that Leontyev has been in the US since the sanctions were levelled against him but still receives mail at the same Aventura condo where Vostretsov gets his mail.

In his affidavit to the judge, Vostretsov claims his information to Treasury helped deny visas for criminal elements. It would not be illogical to believe Vostretsov may have provided the FBI with information on Leontyev.

It is also likely Vostretsov had ties at one time to notorious Moscow kingpin **Semyon Mogolievich**, through his very close friend and partner in crime **Henry Zingerman**, who helped Vostretsov steal millions and then was mysteriously killed in Mexico.

#### Conclusions and Recommendations

Henry Vostretsov is the kind of individual for whom immigration laws were drafted. He shouldn't be on the streets of the US. Vostretsov, who has used at least three other aliases, has the kind of violent criminal record that, by law, should make him ineligible to be a permanent resident of the US.

He appears to have no assets or income, yet he travels extensively in and out of the US with a girlfriend. He has been arrested in California and Florida for theft, assault, illegal possession of a firearm, DUI and domestic violence.

At one point during his presence in the Miami area, Vostretsov appears to have lived in the same apartment as a major figure of the global Russian mob, a man involved in international drug and precious metal smuggling, Vladislav Leontyev.

And while some government officials have tried to deport Vostretsov, he has received support to stay from the FBI. In an affidavit, Vostretsov explained to an immigration judge he worked for the FBI for 17 years throughout the world, including in the US, Iran and North Korea. He explained in the same paperwork the FBI granted him several temporary visas to visit the US in exchange for information about criminal activities.

Interviews of his former associates may bear fruit, especially people he may not have parted with on good terms: The woman who tried to obtain a domestic violence injunction against him, Elena Woroboff; his accomplice in the assault, Dmitry Zilberg; the movie producer, Bill Block; his former FBI handler, David D. Baker; the architect in the ill-fated restaurant project, Omar Morales, among a slew of possible sources.

Investigators should also check Vostrestov's Miami restaurant partner Maxim Dyakov in Russia and check into The Restaurant Syndicate in Moscow. Also, check out his ties with Russian *biznizmeni* Vladislav Leontyev and Semyon Mogolievich. Vostrestov's current mobile phone number is 305-766-XXXX.

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