

WANTED BY THE FBI

Wire Fraud; Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Unauthorized Access to a Protected Computer

PETERIS SAHUROVS



Photo taken in
March 2008

DESCRIPTION

Date(s) of Birth Used:	March 30, 1989	Hair:	Brown
Place of Birth:	Rezekne, Latvia	Eyes:	Brown
Height:	6'0"	Sex:	Male
Weight:	165 pounds	Race:	White
NCIC:	W273025317	Nationality:	Latvian
Build:	Slim	Languages:	Latvian; Russian
Occupation:	Computer systems operator		

Remarks: Sahurovs is thought to be in Rezekne, Latvia. He may also visit Kiev, Ukraine. He is known to use the following screen names: "PIOTREK," "PIOTREK89" and "SAGADE."

CAUTION

Peteris Sahurovs is wanted for his alleged involvement in an international cybercrime scheme that took place from February of 2010 to September of 2010. The scheme utilized a computer virus that involved the online sale of fraudulent computer security programs that defrauded Internet users of more than \$2 million.

It is alleged that in February of 2010, Sahurovs contacted an online newspaper claiming to work for an online advertising agency that represented a hotel chain that was seeking to place advertisements on the paper's website. Sahurovs utilized fraudulent references and bank accounts to deceive the newspaper into believing he represented a legitimate advertising agency.

Sahurovs provided electronic files containing the fictitious hotel advertisements to the newspaper, which began running the advertisements on its website. He then replaced the hotel advertisements with a file containing a malicious computer code, or malware, which infected the computers of people who visited the website and required them to purchase antivirus software for \$49.95 to regain control of their computers. If the users did not purchase the software, their computers immediately became inundated with pop-ups containing fraudulent "security alerts," and all information, data and files stored on the computers became inaccessible.

Sahurovs allegedly conducted the same fraudulent advertising and infection scheme against numerous online businesses.

On May 17, 2011, Sahurovs was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in the United States District Court, District of Minnesota, for wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and unauthorized access to a protected computer. The same day, a federal warrant was issued for Sahurovs' arrest.

REWARD

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of Peteris Sahurovs.

If you have any information concerning this person, please contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.