

Serdyukov was prosecuted in Russia for "negligence" for using the army to build a road to his private country residence, and served some time in prison but was then amnestied in 2014; his mistress, who was implicated in various corrupt housing schemes at the Defense Ministry was also prosecuted and served a light sentence and was released "for good behavior." Serdyukov now serves as a director of the state Rostec company which builds helicopters and airplane engines.

Some of the information about Tambov came out via WikiLeaks' publication of State Department cables. <<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2010/dec/01/wikileaks-cable-spain-russian-mafia>>

Other names indicated by El Mundo are Dmitry Kozak, head of the ministry of regional development, who joined Putin's administration in 1999-2000, RFE/RL reports <<http://www.rferl.mobi/a/russia-spain-warrant-top-officials-putin-insiders/27713179.html>> , and Leonid Reiman, former minister of information technology and communications, who is a partner of Petrov's in a company.

Where will all this go? Likely the Spanish prosecutors will never get to the people they've indicted who are all safe in Russia and won't travel abroad to risk arrest. As RFE/RL reported:

"Today the main figures in the Spanish [prosecutor's] report are living in Russia without any problems, and they are doing fine," Andrei Zykov, a retired senior investigator who specialized in corruption and serious economic crimes in areas including St. Petersburg.

Will Putin himself remove or even prosecute some of the obvious corrupt individuals to avoid any further risk to himself? That remains to be seen, and the Serdyukov case indicates that whatever punishment may be in store could be light.

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