

# Ukrainian Hacker Linked to REvil Ransomware Attacks Extradited to United States

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**Yaroslav Vasinskyi**, a Ukrainian national, linked to the Russia-based [REvil ransomware group](#) has been extradited to the U.S. to face charges for his role in carrying out the file-encrypting malware attacks against several companies, including Kaseya last July.

The 22-year-old had been previously arrested in Poland in October 2021, prompting the U.S. Justice Department (DoJ) to [file charges](#) of conspiracy to commit fraud and related activity in connection with computers, damage to protected computers, and conspiracy to commit money laundering.



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Ransomware is the digital equivalent of extortion wherein cybercrime actors encrypt victims' data and take it hostage in return for a monetary payment to recover the data, failing which the stolen information is published online or sold to other third-parties.

According to the DoJ, in addition to the headline-grabbing attacks on JBS and Kaseya, REvil is said to have [propagated](#) its infection to more than 175,000 computers, netting the group at least \$200 million paid in virtual

currency ransoms before it [officially went dark](#) late last year.

Vasinskyi, who was transported to the city of Dallas on March 3 pursuant to an extradition treaty between the U.S. and Poland, had his charges formally read in the Northern District of Texas. If convicted of all counts, Vasinskyi faces a total prison term of 115 years.



According to the indictment, the defendant is alleged to be [responsible](#) for deploying the Sodinokibi/REvil ransomware via a supply chain attack that targeted as many as 1,500 customers of Kaseya across the globe and demanding a bitcoin ransom in exchange for gaining back access to the locked files.

"Just eight months after committing his alleged ransomware attack on Kaseya from overseas, this defendant has arrived in a Dallas courtroom to face justice," [said](#) Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. "When we are attacked, we will work with our partners here and abroad to go after cybercriminals, wherever they may be."

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