



WANTED BY THE FBI

SIM HYON-SOP

Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud; Conspiracy to Violate and Violations of International Emergency Economic Powers Act; North Korean Sanctions Regulations; Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments; Laundering Monetary Instruments



Photograph taken December 2019

DESCRIPTION

Aliases: Ali Sim, Sim Hajim	
Date(s) of Birth Used: November 25, 1983; November 25, 1972	Place of Birth: Pyongyang, North Korea
Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown
Sex: Male	Race: Asian
Occupation: Foreign Trade Bank Representative	Nationality: North Korean
Languages: Korean, English, Chinese	

REWARD

The United States Department of State's Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program is offering a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Sim Hyon-Sop.

REMARKS

Sim Hyon-Sop has ties to or may visit North Korea, China, and the United Arab Emirates.

CAUTION

Sim Hyon-Sop is a North Korean national who works for the Foreign Trade Bank (FTB) of North Korea, which has been sanctioned by the United States. It is alleged that Sim helped transact with customers that traded with North Korea and ensured money could move in and out of North Korea without interruption, despite U.S. sanctions. For roughly a decade, Sim allegedly played a pivotal role in defrauding U.S. banks by remitting U.S. dollar payments to facilitate trade on behalf of North Korea.

On March 21, 2023, a federal arrest warrant was issued for Sim Hyon-Sop in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C., after he was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud, Conspiracy to Violate and Violations of International Emergency Economic Powers Act, North Korean Sanctions Regulations, Conspiracy to Launder Monetary Instruments, and Laundering Monetary Instruments.

If you have any information concerning this case, please contact the FBI's Toll-Free tipline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). You may also contact your local FBI office, the nearest American Embassy or Consulate, or you can submit a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

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