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Request

Either freely, or if necessary via a Subject Access or freedom of information Request, please can the FSA provide copies/data in relation to their enquiries and requests seeking the arrest of Shepelev from the outset i.e. that proves and demonstrates the dates of initiation and activity of the FSA or FSCU in this case? Some of which we understand may be need to be redacted.

Response

Following a thorough search of our records, I can inform you the FSA does not hold any information falling within the scope of your request.

To provide context to the response to your Freedom of Information request, I can confirm that upon identifying the potential link between Mr Shepeliev and a website offering DNP for sale, the FSA engaged with a partner agency to disseminate that information to Ukrainian authorities. The partner agency subsequently provided the FSA information relating to Mr Shepeliev to their representative in Ukraine on 5th June 2017.

It is beyond the authority of the FSA to request the arrest of any individual who is overseas and any decision to pursue enforcement action is a matter for the appropriate authority in the relevant overseas jurisdiction. The FSA will continue to engage with partner agencies, should its assistance be requested, to inform decision making by Ukrainian authorities with regards to Mr Shepeliev and the alleged sale of DNP.

I hope this additional context provides reassurance that the FSA has appropriately shared information with Ukrainian authorities in relation to Mr Shepeliev.