

# Russia arrests *The Wallstreet Journal* reporter on spying charge

US journalist Evan Gershkovich has been arrested in Russia on charges of spying.



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Russia says *The Wallstreet Journal* reporter was caught “red-handed” while working in Yekaterinburg.

The [US government](#) has condemned the arrest, while *The Wallstreet Journal* denies the charges.

The publication said Gershkovich had lost of contact with his editors while working in Yekaterinburg on Wednesday afternoon.

Russia's FSB security service confirmed that a journalist had been detained and alleged that he was working on US instructions by collecting top secret information on Russia.

Espionage in Russia carries a maximum jail term of 20 years.

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