

U.S. Authorities: Russian Mob Ran Celebrity Poker Games

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Federal authorities in New York say members of Russian organized crime ran high-stakes poker games attended by professional athletes, Hollywood celebrities and Wall Street titans.

The authorities say the games were an offshoot of a massive money-laundering scheme.

FBI agents arrested several people Tuesday in New York, Los Angeles, Miami and elsewhere as part of the investigation. They also searched a Madison Avenue art gallery.

Prosecutors are expected to detail the case later Tuesday.

Authorities would not name the poker players.

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