

Report: Ex-Tennis Star Marat Safin Denies Tax Evasion

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Former world tennis No. 1 Marat Safin has denied evading tax after a report linked him with Swiss bank accounts.

The report, based on leaked documents from HSBC's Swiss private bank, said Safin was linked to a client account which allegedly held up to \$4.87 million in three accounts.

Safin, a member of the Russian parliament since 2011, called the allegations "some kind of nonsense" to Russia's R-Sport agency, adding: "No one's been evading any kind of taxes."

The International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, one of several media outlets to receive the leaked documents, said they "do not specify the exact role that Safin had in relation to the account."

Safin retired from tennis in 2009 after winning the 2000 U.S. Open, and 2005 Australian Open.

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