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### **Give Kapoustin Back**

Most probably, Canada will gallantly hand over Michael Kapoustin to us and he will return here. Bulgaria has already asked Germany for extradition, announced Attorney General Ivan Tatarchev yesterday.

Michael Kapoustin was arrested in Germany on February 7, which was first reported by „Standard“. The boss of „Life Choice“ was detained in Frankfurt am Main upon his return from Georgia. A lot of countries are eager to get hold of the international swindler, who is of Bulgarian and Canadian origin. Bulgaria, though is the first to request his extradition.

Until now, there is no information whether Canada has done the same. Although we have not signed an agreement for legal co-operation with her, Canadian police Forces have agreed to assist us.

Bulgaria's right to Kapoustin is the greatest, because of the great number of Bulgarian cheated by him, and also because of great sums stolen from them.

The extradition request states that the Bulgarian legal authorities will hold Kapoustin responsible for tax evasion. This crime is strictly penalized in most countries. Because of it Al Capone and Steffi Graff's father were imprisoned.

Aside from that Kapoustin will also face charges on fraud and theft.