

for the Troy-based staffing company. # During a deposition that lasted more than five hours, he portrayed himself as a worldly man, a computer and security expert skilled at dealing with diplomats, federal agents and the U.S. intelligence community. # According to the deposition, Whelan served in the U.S. Marines from 1990 through 2001, received a master's degree in business administration and worked as a Chelsea police officer and Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy. # In 2001, he joined Kelly Services as an IT project manager before rising within the company to manage investigations and oversee security at the company's Troy campus. # " Anything, really, that impacts Kelly Services as a global company, whether it is in the United States or the countries that I manage, " Whelan testified, according to a deposition transcript obtained by The News. # Whelan said he routinely worked with federal agencies, including the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI, domestically and abroad. # " We come in contact with federal agencies and officers all the time, " Whelan testified. # As an example, Whelan said his Kelly Services duties put him on contact with an FBI division embedded in U.S. embassies overseas. The FBI operates 63 such offices, called legal attach? s or legats, and has personnel work with law enforcement, intelligence, and security services. # One legal attach? office is in Moscow, where Whelan was visiting before being arrested by Russian officials. # Russia's domestic security agency, the Federal Security Service, said Monday it had arrested him on spying charges. The FSB said it had caught him " during an espionage operation, " but did not elaborate. # Spying charges carry a