Involves Don Jr.

Russian boxing chief Umar Kremlev pays for Don Jr.'s post-wedding celebrations

B Reported

The gift is confirmed by its recipients: Don Jr. and Bettina Trump said in a signed Instagram post, reported by NBC, ABC and AP, that Kremlev hosted the celebrations, and Don Jr.'s spokesperson did not dispute the payments. What the gift cost rests on ProPublica alone, citing records and three people familiar with the event; NBC, ABC and AP attribute the payment details to ProPublica, and ABC says it has not confirmed them. The August 2026 Mongolia trip rests on the Financial Times alone (Oct 27, 2026); other outlets relay it.

11 sources **0** primary records **8** with an archived copy

REACHED THE FAMILY

May 2026 month precision

Amount not disclosed

No amount is established. ProPublica, citing records and three people familiar with the event, reports that Kremlev paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in wedding expenses, including the rental of the private island where the reception was held and guests slept, a second island used for the first dance, and a fireworks show. ProPublica says the second island can rent for around $100,000 a night and the fireworks company charges around $70,000 for such shows; those are market rates it reported, not invoices, and no total has been published. The payments came from IB Challenger, a Dubai entity that ProPublica describes as affiliated with the International Boxing Association, which Kremlev heads. On October 6, 2026 Kremlev told an IBA press conference in Istanbul that Don Jr. had repaid what he spent on the gift (AP); no amount, date or record of any repayment has been published.

FROM Umar Kremlev (individual)

CHANNEL in-kind wedding gift paid through a Dubai entity

OFFICIAL ACTION

not dated

No U.S. official action touching Kremlev or the International Boxing Association has been found. ProPublica reports that Kremlev is under Ukrainian sanctions but does not appear on public U.S. sanctions lists. Outside the U.S., Latvia's foreign ministry barred Kremlev from entering the country indefinitely on Sept 17, 2026, giving no reason (Daily Beast, citing the ministry)

WHAT HAPPENED

Don Jr. and Bettina Anderson married in a family-only ceremony in the Bahamas on May 22, 2026. Umar Kremlev, a Russian who heads the International Boxing Association, hosted the celebrations over the next two nights, which ended May 24. ProPublica, citing records and three people familiar with the event, reported on September 14, 2026 that he paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in expenses, including the rental of the private island where the reception was held and guests slept, a second island used for the first dance, and a fireworks show. The payments came from IB Challenger, a Dubai entity that ProPublica describes as affiliated with the boxing association. ProPublica calls Kremlev close to Vladimir Putin. Ukraine has sanctioned him; ProPublica says he does not appear on public U.S. sanctions lists.

Don Jr. and his wife confirmed in a signed Instagram post that Kremlev hosted the celebrations as a wedding gift. No U.S. official action touching Kremlev or the boxing association has been found. ProPublica notes that Jared Kushner, a guest, has been helping lead U.S. negotiations with Russia over Ukraine. In September 2025 Don Jr. appeared with Kremlev on an IBA panel in Istanbul; his spokesperson says he was not paid. In late August 2026, before ProPublica's report, Kremlev flew to Mongolia and spent two days at Don Jr.'s hunting camp in the country's west, the Financial Times reported on Oct 27, 2026, citing guides, local officials, flight-tracking data and Kremlev's own social media posts. The FT did not report who paid for Kremlev's travel or Don Jr.'s costs.

Rep. Robert Garcia, the top Democrat on House Oversight, wrote to Don Jr. and the White House on September 14 seeking Don Jr.'s contacts with Kremlev and records of wedding purchases by foreign nationals. Sen. John Curtis, a Utah Republican, asked Senate Judiciary leaders in a letter dated September 21 to subpoena Don Jr. about his business dealings, foreign relationships and gifts; days earlier he had called the gift corruption in a video (AP). Neither letter cites a law that may have been broken. On October 6, Kremlev told an IBA press conference in Istanbul that Don Jr. had repaid what he spent on the gift. No amount, date or record of the repayment has been published.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

No specific violation is stated in the source.

STATUTE OR CLAUSE	None cited
RAISED BY	Rep. Robert Garcia, ranking member, House Oversight Committee (letters to Don Jr. and White House chief of staff Susie Wiles seeking records on Kremlev, Sept 14, 2026); Sen. John Curtis, R-Utah (letter to Senate Judiciary Committee leaders asking that Don Jr. be subpoenaed, Sept 21, 2026)

This is a potential violation as described by the party named. No charge has been filed in this entry; the ledger does not call anything a crime below tier D.

THEIR RESPONSE

Don Jr.'s spokesperson did not dispute the payments, called Kremlev a personal friend Don Jr. met through a mutual friend in hunting circles, and said they have no business relationship. Don Jr. and Bettina Trump, in a signed Instagram post, said Kremlev hosted two nights of celebrations after their family ceremony as an extraordinarily generous wedding gift from a friend, and that friendship does not require a political motive. President Trump said he had never heard of Kremlev, that Kremlev did not pay for the wedding itself, and that it was not a big deal; he later said such gifts are allowed and that, as he understood it, the money had been paid back. Kremlev's press office described a friendly relationship that began a couple of years ago, said he never discusses politics with his American acquaintances, and said the boxing association itself bore no wedding expenses; it did not comment on the payments from the Dubai entity. On October 6, 2026 Kremlev said Don Jr. had repaid him. Asked by the Financial Times, Don Jr.'s spokesperson said he has a personal friendship, not a business relationship, with Kremlev, and that a mutual friend in the hunting world introduced them; Kremlev did not respond to the FT. Eric Trump's spokesperson said Eric does not know who Kremlev is. Jared Kushner and the White House did not respond to ProPublica.

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