

## ANOTHER SAN FRANCISCO TECH RAPE

A San Francisco CEO from the family behind a Silicon Valley telecommunications company has been arrested on suspicion of raping a woman in downtown San Francisco on Saturday morning, according to police.

Andrei Karkar, 47, is the son of Edward Karkar, the deceased founder of Karkar Electronics, and Natalia Makarova, a Russian dancer once hailed by the New York Times as “one of the world’s great ballerinas.” He is the CEO of his family’s investment company, ERAS Holdings, and a director on the board of a Canadian deep-sea mining company, the Metals Company.

According to the ERAS Holdings [website](#), Karkar “leads a team that invests globally in public and private markets focusing on disruptive innovation across industries.” He is “active in various think tanks and in supporting the arts, sciences, environment and philanthropy.”

Karkar was arrested Saturday after officers responded to a report of a sexual assault at a residence on the 100 block of Fremont Street shortly after 9 a.m., according to police.

Police released few other details on the incident, saying only that the victim told officers that she was forcibly raped and assaulted.

She was injured and taken to a hospital for treatment, police said. Investigators identified Karkar as the suspect and arrested him.

In addition to the date of his arrest, Saturday marked Karkar’s 47th birthday. Property records indicate that Karkar owns a condo inside 181 Fremont St., a luxury high-rise on the same block as the reported sexual assault. The 2,400 square-foot unit is [currently on the market for nearly \\$7 million](#) and has “breathtaking views” of both the Golden Gate Bridge and the Bay Bridge as well as Alcatraz, according to the listing.

Karkar was [photographed](#) attending the grand opening for the building in 2018.

Eric Safire, an attorney for Karkar, declined to comment, saying prosecutors had not filed formal charges against his client. It's unclear whether the District Attorney's Office intends to do so.

The Metals Company declined to comment on his arrest.

Karkar graduated from Georgetown University in 2000, according to his LinkedIn profile.

His father, Edward Karkar, was a Palestinian immigrant who [founded Karkar Electronics](#) in 1959 and died at the age of 81 in 2013, according to his obituary.

The company developed and manufactured communications equipment used by the department of defense and NATO, and supplied companies such as AT&T and Raytheon, his obituary says.

“Edward Karkar was considered a Silicon Valley pioneer, cultivating a generation of technology executives and entrepreneurs and laying groundwork for the fertile environment that exists today,” his obituary reads.

His mother, Natalia Makarova, is an esteemed Russian dancer who the New York Times described as [“one of the world's great ballerinas”](#) in 1978.

Karkar was booked into jail shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday on suspicion of felony rape, assault, robbery and false imprisonment charges, as well as a misdemeanor related to damaging a wireless communication device.

Karkar remains in custody as of Monday afternoon.