

2 Children Kidnapped

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A 4-year-old girl and a 15-year-old boy were kidnapped in separate incidents in St. Petersburg and the Primorye region.

A man called the cell phone of the father of Alexander Matsenko, who went missing in the Primorye village of Alexandrovka on Tuesday, and demanded a ransom of \$1 million for the boy's return, local investigators said in a statement. Police were looking for the boy.

The St. Petersburg girl, who was not identified, was kidnapped Tuesday by her father, who lost custody of her to his ex-wife after a divorce, RIA-Novosti reported. The father also kidnapped the child in May, and she was only returned to her mother last week, the report said, adding that the girl was accompanied Tuesday by her uncle, who was beaten up in the attack.

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