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7 Cops Gassed in Slot Arcade

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The owner of an illegal slot machine hall that was disguised as a charity lottery center locked police officers who busted his establishment in the building and sprayed them with tear gas,

Gazeta.ru reported Monday.

The incident took place in western Moscow, where the owner of the business, identified only by his last name, Glushkov, rented two offices to hold a charity lottery, but instead filled the rooms with 157 slot machines, the report said.

Seven officers required medical help after being sprayed with tear gas, a city police spokesman said, adding that Glushkov was nevertheless detained Saturday and faces up to five years in prison on charges of using force against police, as well as possible gambling-related charges. ⊠

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