

Zoo Sued in Elephant Death

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A Moscow woman is suing the Moscow Zoo for 4 million rubles (\$130,000) after her adult daughter was stomped to death by a rampaging elephant in 2007, Interfax reported Monday.

The daughter, Olga Grishina, 43, a single mother of three, worked in animal transportation at the zoo. Her mother, Tatyana Novikova, 70, said the zoo refused to compensate her for the death, claiming that it could not be held responsible for the actions of an animal. She accused the zoo of repeatedly violating wild animal safety rules.

Moscow's Presnensky District Court on Monday postponed the trial until Oct. 5 after the zoo requested a psychological examination of Novikova, her lawyer told Interfax.

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