

LUKoil Case Thrown Out

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Moscow's Tverskoi District Court upheld on Thursday a police decision to close an investigation into a February crash involving the car of a LUKoil vice president that killed two women, Interfax reported.

Police closed the high-profile case in September, clearing LUKoil's Anatoly Barkov and his driver. Relatives of the dead women appealed the decision, and their lawyer, Lyudmila Aivar, said Thursday that she would file another appeal. Aivar said she will also forward a copy of the court's ruling to President Dmitry Medvedev, who ordered a thorough investigation of the crash in March.

The Federation of Russian Car Owners said last month that it had conducted an independent investigation that implicated Barkov's car. ☒