

New Arrest in Festival Brawl

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A 28-year-old unemployed man suspected of working for a Chelyabinsk crime group was detained in the region as part of an ongoing investigation into a mass brawl that saw dozens of music fans beaten up at a rock festival in August.

Police think Andrei Kurdyukov was among the group of thugs that beat up about 40 concertgoers and a policeman, purportedly at the request of a local cafe owner who had a quarrel with a customer during the festival in the city of Miass, the local news web site Chelyabinsk.ru reported Wednesday.

Three other suspects have also been detained. All detainees, including Kurdyukov, face up to seven years in jail on hooliganism charges.☒

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