

Peruvian Transsexual Robs Muscovite

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Moscow police have detained a Peruvian transsexual for attacking and robbing a Muscovite who refused his advances, Moskovsky Komsomolets <u>reported</u> Monday.

The 27-year-old male victim, whose name was withheld, was approached by the transsexual in the restroom of an Internet cafe in southwestern Moscow, police officer Valentina Tolcheva told the newspaper.

The Muscovite insulted the Peruvian after realizing by his face and hands that he was male, not female. But the Peruvian retaliated, beating up the Muscovite and making off with his bag, which contained a cell phone and 4,000 rubles (\$130), Tolcheva said, without providing a date for the incident.

Police detained the Peruvian shortly afterward.

Tolcheva said the 29-year-old transsexual is an indigenous Peruvian who came to Russia as a student and underwent a sex-change operation earlier this year that included breast and buttocks implants. He now works as a dancer in a local nightclub, she added.

Police were puzzled as to whether to place the detainee in a male or female cell and eventually resorted to solitary confinement, the report said.

It was unclear whether any criminal charges have been filed.

This is not the first time that a Peruvian transsexual has landed in <u>trouble</u> in Moscow. In 2007, 30-year-old Ronald Victor Garcia Barbosa was kidnapped while returning from a transvestite party.

The attackers, who included a former police officer, turned out to be part of a group that kidnapped pimps and prostitutes for ransom. Barbosa, a pre-operative transsexual, managed to flee, and the kidnappers were arrested by the police.

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