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8 Months for 'Red Tarzan'

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Mixed martial arts champion and ultranationalist Vyacheslav Datsik was sentenced to eight months in jail for illegal firearms possession by an Oslo court Thursday, the judicial news agency RAPSI reported.

Datsik, nicknamed "Red Tarzan," escaped a psychiatric hospital in St. Petersburg in August and fled to Norway to request political asylum, turning himself in to local police with a shotgun, a pistol and four revolvers in his possession.

Datsik was arrested in Russia for robbery in 2007 and placed in a hospital after being diagnosed with schizophrenia. He claimed during the trial in Norway to be a Federal Security Service agent hired to kill Chechen insurgent emissary Akhmed Zakayev in London.

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