

# Homeless Man Arrested

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Moscow police have detained a homeless man suspected of inadvertently burning alive five of his comrades over a spat during the New Year's holidays, Interfax reported Monday.

The 27-year-old man, whose name was withheld, started a fire in a two-story abandoned building in downtown Goncharnaya Naberezhnaya on Jan. 8, a law enforcement official told Interfax.

The man wanted to burn the personal belongings of seven other homeless people spending the night in the basement of the building, which was scheduled for demolition, but five people suffocated in the smoke, the official said.

A case was opened against the suspect, who was nabbed on nearby Taganskaya Ploshchad.

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