

Cop Held for \$680 Bribe

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The head of a police precinct in western Moscow was detained over a petty bribe he accepted to refrain from harassing a local entrepreneur's flower and fast-food businesses, Interfax said Tuesday.

Police lieutenant colonel Alexander Polunin has admitted to extorting 20,000 rubles (\$680) from an unidentified businessman, a spokeswoman for the city branch of the Investigative Committee said. Polunin will likely not be placed in pretrial detention, but may face up to two years in prison on fraud charges, the spokeswoman said.

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