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No Jail for Corrupt Teacher

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A Moscow district court has convicted a Moscow State University teacher of receiving a bribe of 35,000 euros ($48,000) and handed her a three-year suspended sentence, Interfax said Monday.

Polina Surina, who taught at the university's prestigious school of government, took the money last April from a potential student who wanted fast-track entry, prosecutors told the court.

The case against Surina, whose father headed the school at the time, was thrown out last year but reopened after a video surfaced of her accepting the bribe. It was not immediately clear if prosecutors would appeal Monday's ruling.

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