

Shootout in Car Theft

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Moscow traffic police had to pelt a hijacked car with bullets late Wednesday to stop a drunken driver, who had run over a pedestrian, from getting away, Interfax said, citing a law enforcement source.

Police attempted to flag down the recklessly speeding Nissan Navara on Yaroslavskoye Shosse outside northeastern Moscow, but the driver ignored their orders, prompting a car chase, the report said.

Officers shot at the car after the driver, a 33-year-old Uzbekistan-born resident of the Moscow region who has a criminal record, ran over a man on a pedestrian crossing. The driver lost control of the car, rammed a street billboard and was detained. He did not require hospitalization, unlike the pedestrian, who broke both legs, the report said.

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