

Retrial Ordered for Banker

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The Moscow City Court on Thursday ordered a retrial in the case of former banker Matvei Urin, who was sentenced in April for beating a Dutch businessman close to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's retinue, Interfax reported.

Jorrit Faasen, 30, a senior executive in the Stroitransgaz company controlled by Putin's ally Gennady Timchenko, was beaten on a street by Urin's bodyguards last November when he refused to give way to the banker's car on Rublyovo-Uspenskoye Shosse outside Moscow. Russian media reported at the time that Faasen was dating Putin's daughter.

After the incident, the Central Bank canceled licenses from five banks controlled by Urin, who was later convicted of hooliganism.

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