

Bomb Blows Bumpers Off Police Car in Khimki

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An improvised explosive device in a plastic bottle detonated on Tuesday under the car of a police vehicle in the Moscow region town of Khimki, police said, Interfax reported. No one was injured in the blast.

The car, a Ford Focus equipped with flashers but not adorned as a typical police car, belonged to the deputy head of the Khimki police force Viktor Artyushkin, who was not in the vehicle at the time of the explosion. The incident is being viewed as an act of hooliganism, Moscow region police spokesman Yevgeny Gildeyev told Interfax.

Both the front and back bumpers of the car were torn off in the explosion, Gazeta.ru reported. Glass in a nearby building shattered from the resulting sound wave.

Gildeyev said the IED was not very powerful and of "primitive construction." Gildeyev told Gazeta.ru that police suspected the device was not designed to kill anyone and could be connected to a recent series of car burnings by anarchists. A police investigation into the circumstances of the explosion is underway.

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