

Police Raid Campaign Office of Independent Candidate for Mayor of Yaroslavl

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The campaign office of independent candidate for mayor of Yaroslavl, Yevgeny Urlashov, was raided Friday by police officers from the economic crimes unit, Kommersant reported.

Urlashov's campaign told the daily that police confiscated documents in connection with anonymous allegations that the limit of Urlashov's campaign fund had been exceeded. Officers closed off the campaign office and did not allow workers to leave or move around the premises.

Urlashov is up against United Russia-backed businessman Yavok Yakushev in the second round of the Yaroslavl mayoral election, slated for Sunday. The runoff in the city of 600,000 will be the first major test for the ruling party since its disputed win in the December State Duma elections.

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