

Cop Who Ran Over Mother, Child Suspected of Being Car Thief

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Investigators suspect that a police officer who caused a car accident that killed a mother and child earlier this week in St. Petersburg may be involved in the car-jacking business.

On Sunday evening, off-duty police lieutenant Nikolai Miroshkin drove onto a sidewalk in a Honda Accord and hit the two pedestrians, who died at the scene. He then crashed into an Opel, injuring the driver and a female passenger, both of whom received serious injuries.

Miroshkin was fired from the police force following the accident and is awaiting trial on charges of vehicular manslaughter in a detention center.

Investigators found a second Honda Accord with the same license plate number as the one driven by Miroshkin in the accident, a prosecutor said at a hearing Friday, Interfax reported. An inquiry will be opened to find out whether Miroshkin was involved in stealing cars, the prosecutor said.

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