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Man to Be Fined for Wild Dancing, Shooting While at Stoplight

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Men dance the lezginka, a traditional dance from the Caucasus.

A man from the Stavropol region who shot into the air and danced on the street while stopped at a red light will face administrative charges and a possible fine, Stavropol police said.

Police say the man got out of his car and began to dance the lezginka, a traditional dance from the Caucasus, then fired into the air three times from a small traumatic pistol, a nonlethal gas-powered gun that shoots rubber pellets. When the light turned green, the man got back in his VAZ-2114 automobile and drove away.

Several students from the local branch of the Krasnodar police university witnessed the incident, and investigators were able to track down the offender, who turned out to be an unemployed 20-year-old resident of nearby Cossack village Kurskaya.

Police told Interfax that an administrative report would be considered by the courts and that the man could face a fine from 2,000 to 5,000 rubles ($62 to $154), as well as a ban from acquiring or having weapons for one to three years, noting that the fine was the more common punishment.

They did not clarify why the man chose to dance at the intersection.

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