

## **Helicopter Stuns Siberian Townsfolk**

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Concerned residents rushed to call police after seeing this orange helicopter Thursday.

Residents of the Siberian town of Kansk were surprised when a bright orange helicopter touched down meters from their five-story apartment building, regional police said.

Fearing an emergency, the concerned residents rushed to call the police Thursday.

But when law-enforcement officers arrived on the scene, they learned that the pilot had simply landed for a hungry passenger to get a bite to eat.

Krasnoyarsk region police said in a statement on their website Friday that the stop-off in Kansk, population 93,000, was unscheduled and that the private chopper belonged to a firm operating out of the nearby Severny airport.

According to the police, an unidentified passenger asked the 58-year-old pilot to stop by the Kan cafe at the riverbank while on their way to the village of Nizhnyaya Poima.

Police said they were looking into the incident and had sent a report to Siberian

transportation officials for further investigation.

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