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Pensioner Bound and Beaten, Then Stuffed Into Backpack

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Law enforcement officials have opened investigations into two crimes against Moscow pensioners: the brutal murder of a 76-year-old woman and the theft of $25,000 worth of cash and property from the apartment of a 100-year-old woman.

The body of the 76-year-old was found in her apartment on Pyryeva Ulitsa, an unidentified police official told Interfax on Thursday.

The official said that before the woman was killed, she had been bound with scotch tape and an electrical wire and roughly beaten. After being murdered, the woman was wrapped in a rug and stuffed it into a large backpack.

Her body was found by police on Wednesday, while preliminary evidence points to her having been killed on Monday. A criminal investigation into the killing is underway.

In a separate incident, 800,000 rubles ($25,600) in cash and jewelry was stolen from a 100-year-old woman from her apartment in western Moscow.

The resident of Ulitsa Druzhby called the police Wednesday night after being robbed by two unidentified women who convinced the pensioner to let them into her apartment, a police spokesman told Interfax.

The centenarian explained that while one of the women distracted her, the other managed to steal approximately 600,000 rubles along with a golden Era watch and other jewelry. She estimated the value of everything stolen at more than 800,000 rubles.

Police are currently searching for the two women in connection with the robbery.

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