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Tatarstan Police Officer Arrested for Rape

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A police officer and his friend have been arrested on suspicion of raping a young woman in a banya in the Tatarstan republic, investigators said.

The unidentified officer, 30, who worked in Tatarstan's Tukayevsky district, and his 20-year-old friend on Oct. 6 raped the 25-year-old woman in Naberezhniye Chelny, a city in central Russia, according to investigators.

A local court on Sunday granted investigators' request to place both suspects under arrest pending a full inquiry, regional investigators said in a statement on their website.

Both suspects have been officially charged with premeditated rape by a group of people, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, but deny their guilt.

This is not the first time that Tatarstan's police force has made headlines for criminal acts.

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