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Sixth Victim Dies in Moscow Office Shooting

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The sixth victim in an office shooting in northern Moscow died Thursday from injuries sustained when a troubled colleague went on a killing spree.

Nikita Strelnikov, who was admitted to a hospital in critical condition Wednesday, died in the early hours of Thursday morning, Interfax reported, citing an undisclosed medical source.

Investigators have detained and interrogated 30-year-old legal adviser Dmitry Vinogradov, who admitted attacking his colleagues with a pair of hunting rifles Wednesday morning at the head office of the Rigla pharmaceutical company on Chermyanskaya Ulitsa.

Three men and two women died at the scene of the shooting, and 24-year-old Yaroslava Sergenuk remains in Moscow's Hospital No. 20, news reports said.

According to the Life News tabloid, Vinogradov's victims included 33-year-old Alexander

Biruk and 33-year-old Anton Tretyakov, and two women, 25-year-old Yelena Lapshina and 25-year-old Natalya Plekhanova, all of whom were at their desks at the time of the shooting.

On his way out of the office, Vinogradov fired at 33-year-old Denis Moiseyev on a staircase leading to the office. Moiseyev died immediately.

Investigators have opened a criminal case on charges of murdering two or more people, which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, according to a statement on their official website.

Five hours before the shooting, Vinogradov posted a manifesto on his VKontakte page expressing contempt for society and calling the human race "a pile of compost."

News reports said Vinogradov went on the rampage due to his unrequited love for a female colleague. His mother told Vechernyaya Moskva on Wednesday that her only son was "gentle," loved the outdoors and even volunteered for the WWF.

Vinogradov bought the rifles after a fight with his ex-girlfriend, his mother said, adding that he had seen psychiatrists who prescribed antidepressants.

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