

2 Tourists Mugged in Central Moscow

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An American and a Serbian tourist were violently mugged overnight in central Moscow.

The American, 43, and the Serb, 23, were attacked by three unknown men while walking along Vspolny Pereulok late Monday night near the Barrikadnaya metro station, a Moscow police source told Interfax.

The thieves stole a laptop, 50,000 rubles (\$1,600) in cash and a tablet computer before fleeing. The foreigners immediately reported the mugging to the police.

Although it is still wise to have your wits about you when walking the streets of Moscow at night, authorities in 2011 recorded a 16 percent decrease in thefts over the previous year, according to a police <u>report</u>.

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