

Criminal Case Opened Over Attempted Break-In at Tsiskaridze's

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A criminal case has been opened after an attempted break-in at Bolshoi Ballet soloist Nikolai Tsiskaridze's apartment, news reports said Friday.

The dancer called the police around 5:30 p.m. Thursday night to report that the lock had apparently been tampered with and his key didn't work, RIA-Novosti reported.

"The police who arrived to the scene determined that someone had tried to pick the lock to the door about an hour earlier, but then fled after apparently being unable to open it," a police spokesperson said.

Police are still at the scene to determine whether or not anything was stolen, Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported.

Attempted theft charges have been filed in the case, which carry a maximum punishment

of two years in prison.

Tsiskaridze was recently questioned as part of an ongoing investigation into an acid attack on the Bolshoi Ballet's director, Sergei Filin, in mid-January.

Tsiskaridze also recently featured in an NTV documentary in which he expressed doubts that Filin sustained such serious injuries as had been reported.

It is unclear if the attempted break-in is connected to the ongoing investigation.

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