

2 Injured in Shooting at Pushkin Square Nightclub

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Two nightclub bouncers were seriously injured early Monday after a brawl with drunken guests who fled in a car with City Hall license plates.

The conflict erupted around 2 a.m. outside the Posh Friends nightclub on Pushkin Square when the club's security guards refused entrance to a group of drunken guests, Interfax reported, citing police.

Shortly after, a Toyota Land Cruiser pulled up to the entrance of the club and opened fire on the guards with traumatic pistols.

One guard was wounded in the leg and the other in the chest.

The shooters fled the scene.

The car's license plate was in the $A^{***}MO$ series that is reserved for vehicles in the City Hall

fleet, causing police to believe that fake plates have been placed on the vehicle, Interfax said. Eyewitnesses tried to recall the exact license plate number and offered two different numbers. Both cars with those numbers, a Volga and a Ford Focus, were parked in a garage at the time of the incident.

Police have opened an investigation but have few leads. The attackers were masked, and witnesses gave conflicting information on how many were involved in the shooting, with the number ranging from four to eight. Moreover, no surveillance cameras captured the incident on tape.

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