

Investigators Search Home of Opposition Blogger's Mother

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Prominent blogger Rustem Adagamov said Friday that investigators had searched his mother's home, in the latest example of pressure on the opposition activist.

"My 77-year-old mother's home was raided, she is a former teacher with 45 years of experience. The search continues, but my mother is doing well," he wrote on his Facebook page. Adagamov said he couldn't explain the reason for the searches but denied they were linked to the so-called "Bolotnoye case."

Friday's raid comes after two apartments belonging to Adagamov's civil partner were searched last week. During the earlier searches, investigators seized a hard disk and album with photos taken at opposition rallies.

Adagamov's lawyer, Anton Zharov, told Interfax that Friday's raid was an attempt by Russian authorities to ensure that his client "never returns to Russia," Interfax reported.

Adagamov fled Russia last year after his ex-wife, Tatyana Delsal, who now lives in Norway, publicly accused him of pedophilia, saying her former husband raped a 12-year-old girl on multiple occasions. Delsal said she only learned of the rape after the victim approached her years after the alleged rape took place.

Adagamov, who blogs on LiveJournal under the username Drugoi, denies the allegations. He sits on the opposition's Coordination Council and has actively participated in the anti-Kremlin protest movement.

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