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Kidnappers Grab Wrong Man at Volgograd Hospital

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A Volgograd resident abducted from a hospital ward by a group of men was released after the kidnappers apparently realized that they had snatched the wrong man, investigators said.

The unidentified patient was admitted to a hospital in Volgograd on Monday evening after getting shot in the face with a non-lethal weapon.

The following day, a group of unidentified men arrived at the hospital in three cars without license plates. They entered his ward, knocked the patient unconscious, dragged him out of the hospital and fled, investigators said.

"The man was later found alive at his father's house. He told investigators that he was abducted by unidentified individuals, who ... released him after a brief talk. The man believes that his kidnappers made a mistake," the local branch of the Investigative Committee said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear whether the man chose to continue his hospital treatment or decided to stay at home.

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