

25 Officials Disciplined Over Moscow Jailbreak

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Twenty-five prison officials have been disciplined after a murder suspect escaped from a Moscow jail in May, the Federal Penitentiary Service said.

Oleg Topalov, who escaped from the Matrosskaya Tishina pretrial detention facility by making a hole in the ceiling and climbing through an air vent, was detained the following day in a nearby park.

Following an inspection initiated by prison service director Gennady Korniyenko, two officials have been dismissed while the others have been disciplined, a spokeswoman for the service said, without specifying the nature of the penalties involved.

Anatoly Tikhomirov, head of the prison service's Moscow branch, previously said conclusions had been drawn from the inspection following the escape, and a plan devised to prevent future escapes.

Only two Matrosskaya Tishina jailbreaks have been reported, both of which involved alleged murderers. One of them was Alexander "Superkiller" Solonik in 1995, linked by media to the same Kurgan crime gang as Topalov.

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