

## Moscow Man Racks Up 300 Parking Tickets in Six Months

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Some Muscovites are having a harder time than others adjusting to more strictly enforced parking regulations, with officials saying one Moscow driver may have set a record by accumulating 300 fines in just six months.

Maxim Liksutov, the acting head of Moscow's transport department, said that the driver was not an ordinary citizen but did not divulge identifying information.

"It is not a government official. I will not disclose which organization he is from," Liksutov told journalists at a press conference Saturday.

Estimating that parking fines cost about 2500 rubles (\$76), the man has paid a total of 750,000 rubles (\$22,722), News.ru reported.

Liksutov added that the offender is paying his fines.

The official also spoke about the city's mobile license plate recognition cameras and said that in 80 percent of cases the system will recognize the plate number even if it is hidden or altered in an attempt to avoid getting a parking ticket.

Sometimes drivers' attempts to hide their real license numbers have unintended consequences. In nine or ten cases the altered number has corresponded to a license plate on the wanted list, Liksutov said.

Starting in September, City Hall will deploy 70 people to walk around the city removing objects that obscure license plates. The officers will carry mobile printers and be able to issue fines on the spot

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