

Fugitive Captured After 4 Months of Solitude in the Taiga

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A former paratrooper who escaped from a Siberian prison in May lived alone in the Taiga for 4 1/2 months before he was eventually captured by prison officers.

Vladimir Avdeyev, 38, "had been hiding in the woods the whole time, did not have contact with relatives or other people and survived exclusively on what he could find in the Taiga," the Irkutsk region's police department said in a statement.

Avdeyev was one of four inmates who escaped from the prison in Markov village through a 30-meter-long tunnel on May 18.

He was caught Monday at a logging site in the Shelekhovsky District, 25 kilometers from the village, Interfax reported.

He was the last fugitive to be recaptured following the prison break.

The first was recaptured in June on a farm, where he tried to get a job as a shepherd. The second was apprehended on July 3 in Ulan Ude, where he was being harboured by his relatives, while the third was turned in by his father on Sept. 8.

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