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Siberian Gets 18 Years in Jail for Burning Friend Alive

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A court in the Siberian republic of Buryatia sentenced a local resident to 18 years in prison for killing his friend by setting him on fire, the local prosecutor's office said Monday.

According to the prosecution, the crime took place last November, when Roman Rusinov, who was 20 years old at that time, quarreled with two of his acquaintances and then decided to kill them.

"With this aim, Rusinov poured gasoline on one of his acquaintances and then set him on fire," the office said in a statement. "The victim died at the crime scene from sustained wounds."

After the killing, Rusinov chased the other man and also poured gasoline on him, but was prevented from lighting a match by a bystander.

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