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Police Officer Beaten While Trying to Arrest 'Drunken' Colleagues on Metro

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Two drunken police officers beat up their colleague who tried to detain them for riding while intoxicated on the Moscow metro, a news report said Monday.

Police officers spotted two "unidentified citizens" who appeared to be drunk at the Ryazansky Prospekt subway station on Saturday night and tried to escort them to a police station, a spokesman for the Moscow police said, Interfax reported.

One of the detainees hit an arresting officer in the face. Another officer has suffered blows to his rib cage, though it remains unclear whether those injuries were also a result of the scrap.

Once at the police station, an investigation revealed that the intoxicated men were also police officers, who serve at a pre-trial detention facility in southeastern Moscow.

The officers will be fired, while their supervisors will be subject to disciplinary action, the police spokesman said. The officer they hit in the face sought medical attention for minor injuries.

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