

## Convicted Rapist, Faking Daibetes, Trapped Girls by Begging for Sugar, Police Say

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A convicted rapist preyed on the kindness of underage girls by tricking them into believing that he suffered from diabetes and desperately needed sugar, and then sexually assaulting them in their Moscow apartments, police said Thursday.

A suspect in the hoax, 47-year-old Stanislav Titov, has been arrested and is accused of attacking at least two 15-year-old girls on Dec. 17 and 24 in southeastern Moscow.

"The suspect developed a criminal scheme: He would follow a girl into her apartment building entryway and tell her that he is a diabetic in urgent need of sugar," an unidentified investigator told Interfax. "After the girl let him into her apartment, he would make sure that there were no adults present and commit his crime."

Titov faces charges of sexually assaulting a minor, which carry a prison sentence of eight to 15 years.

The suspect was released from prison on Sept. 18 after serving time for a similar crime, Interfax said.

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