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Olympic Medalist Zubkov Attacked by Thugs at Moscow Home

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Bobsledder Alexander Zubkov was hospitalized after a run-in with unidentified assailants in the courtyard of his home in Moscow.

Russian Olympic medalist Alexander Zubkov has been hospitalized after attackers armed with baseball bats smashed the car he received as an award for winning gold in Sochi, a news report said.

Bobsledder Alexander Zubkov, a two-time gold medalist at the Sochi Winter Olympics, told news agency Itar-Tass on Friday he was hospitalized with an injury to his wrist and additional small wounds after a run-in with unidentified assailants in the courtyard of his home in Moscow.

Zubkov said attackers smashed the windshield and headlights of Zubkov's Mercedes Benz — part of the reward given to Russian Olympic medalists by the Russian government after the Sochi Games held earlier this year — Itar-Tass reported.

The athlete said he tried to intervene and got into a fight with the attackers, fearing for his small child who was also present during the incident, Itar-Tass reported.

The Russian Bobsled Federation has appealed to any witnesses to come forward, the report said.

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