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Directors of LGBT Film Summoned by Moscow Prosecutors

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The directors of a documentary film about LGBT teens living in Russia have been summoned for questioning at the Moscow prosecutor's office, a news report said.

Aksold Kurov and Pavel Loparev were asked to report to the capital's prosecutors on Wednesday to explain what their film was about and who was featured in it, the BBC's Russian Service reported Tuesday.

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Alexei Zhuravlyov, a duma deputy for the United Russia party and author of a draft bill submitted last September aiming to strip gay parents of their rights to raise children, spearheaded calls for the directors' summoning, website Colta.ru reported.

"Dyeti 404" premiered in Moscow in April, though members of Russia's National Liberation Movement attempted to picket the first screening, claiming it promoted a homosexual lifestyle.

The film directors told the BBC's Russian Service that they had decided to shoot the film after seeing an increase in homophobic acts and sentiments in Russia following the adoption of the gay propaganda law last June.

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