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Police Free Russian Women Abducted for 'Gypsy Wedding'

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"Gypsies" have been detained on suspicion of kidnapping near Moscow.

Three suspects have been detained in Lipetsk for the suspected “bride kidnapping” of two women in the Moscow region, Interfax reported on Thursday citing a source in law enforcement.

The report referred to the suspects as “gypsies,” and – citing its source – said that the women had been kidnapped for the purpose of a “gypsy wedding.”

The women, aged 17 and 50, were released from captivity and returned home.

The younger victim's mother claimed to have witnessed the attack, and sounded the alarm over the incident.

A search is still underway for other suspected participants in the “bride kidnapping,” a phenomenon where men abduct their intended brides and force them into marriage.

A criminal case has been launched. If the suspects are convicted of the crime of abduction,

they could face up to 10 years in prison.

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