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Russian Man Says Computer Game Character Killed Grandpa

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A 20-year-old man from the Siberian city of Barnaul suspected of killing his grandfather has blamed a computer game character for the crime, according to the Investigative Committee's Altai branch.

Investigators say the suspect stabbed his 79-year-old grandfather more than 10 times and his 83-year-old grandmother at least 20 times while visiting them at their home on Aug. 23.

The grandfather died on the spot, the grandmother was taken to a hospital, and the man himself returned home before being detained by police.

He had not bothered to try to hide the murder weapon, investigators said in a statement.

The young man denies committing the crime and blamed the killing on one of the characters in a computer game, the statement said.

"According to preliminary information, the young man does not have a job and is not

studying, and he spends all his time playing computer games," investigators said.

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