

Widow of Man Who Died in Sheremetyevo Airport Sues for Damages

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The widow of a 24-year-old man who died in Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport last month has filed a 30 million ruble (\$810,000) lawsuit against the airport, the Moscow ambulance service and the Spanish airline on which the couple was traveling, TASS news agency reported Thursday.

Artyom Chechikov and his wife, Yelena, were returning from their honeymoon when he suffered a heart attack on board a flight operated by Spanish airline Air Europa from Barcelona to the Urals city of Chelyabinsk on Aug. 18. The plane made an emergency landing at Sheremetyevo to get him medical help, but he died before receiving it.

Russian media cited witnesses as saying that an ambulance took more than an hour to arrive at the airport, while other reports said medics were on hand immediately but did not have the proper equipment to treat Chechikov.

Russia's Prosecutor General's Office has opened a criminal case into the matter on negligence charges.

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