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Trial of Moscow School Shooter Begins

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The trial against a 15-year-old student accused of a going on a deadly school shooting spree earlier this year began in a Moscow court on Monday.

The 10th grader will be tried behind closed doors, according to TASS news agency. Russian law forbids the media from disclosing his name.

The student stands accused of coming to school with two rifles on Feb. 3 and shooting geography teacher Andrei Kirillov before taking his fellow classmates hostage. Kirillov died at the scene. Two police officers responded to the incident, and one of them was shot dead while the other was severely injured.

Vladimir Levin, the suspect's lawyer, said in comments to TASS that his client had partially admitted his guilt and would likely be ordered to undergo treatment at a psychiatric facility.

"We are expecting him to be sent to mandatory treatment, I cannot say how long it will be or what kind of treatment it will involve, but considering the charges it may be very long," Levin was cited as saying.

The next hearing is set for Feb. 15.

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