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Russian Policeman Gets 8 Years for Beating Sex Worker to Death

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A court in St. Petersburg sentenced a former policeman to eight years in a penal colony for fatally beating a woman with previous convictions for prostitution, Gazeta.ru website reported Tuesday.

Vladimir Sharapov, 29, was also ordered to pay a million rubles ($25,000) in compensation to the mother of his victim, 30-year-old Tatyana Kozak.

Following an argument, the culprit, who had recently been dismissed from the police force, hit the victim at least twice in her head and at least once in her stomach, causing internal bleeding, Gazeta.ru reported.

Sharapov and an accomplice then put the woman in their car and drove toward Lake Ladoga, the report said. Once they realized the woman was dead, they concealed her body in bushes.

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