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Man Accused of Stealing Neighbor's Banya in Kemerovo

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"The banya always heats better on the other side of the fence" could become a popular Russian saying after a woman from the Kemerovo region discovered that her neighbor had stolen her outdoor steam bath.

The 25-year-old woman from the town of Anzhero-Sudzhensk returned home to find that the banya in her backyard had gone missing, regional police reported Thursday.

The thief turned out to be her 49-year-old neighbor, who is accused of dismantling the banya and selling it for 10,000 rubles ($244).

If the man is convicted of theft, he faces up to five years in prison.

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