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Kamchatka Man Steals Friend's Car, Gets Stuck in Snow and Dies

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A man who stole his friend's car in Russia's far-eastern Kamchatka region over the weekend was found dead by a passer-by after the car became stuck in a snowdrift, local police said Monday.

The 25-year-old man had reportedly stolen the key to a friend's Nissan Sunny and offered another friend a ride on Friday night. The two were driving around the region's southwest Ust-Bolsheretsk district when the car hit a snowdrift.

"The men tried to free the car from the snow, and then sat in the cabin to relax and fell asleep," the Interior Ministry's press service said in a statement.

Forensic testing of the deceased's body identified the cause of death as carbon monoxide poisoning, the Investigative Committee of the Kamchatka Region said in a statement.

The Interior Ministry confirmed that the life of 32-year-old passenger, delivered to a local hospital in a state of hypothermia, is not in danger.

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