

Moscow Man Accused of Paying Friend to Savagely Attack Roommate

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A woman was brutally beaten on a busy city street in Moscow in an attack that appears to have been paid for by her roommate, police said Wednesday.

On the evening of Jan. 24 a woman was attacked while walking along Bolshaya Tulkaya Ulitsa in southern Moscow. A surveillance camera recorded the attacker beating and then apparently stabbing the victim just meters from several passers-by.

The 33-year-old victim is still in the hospital, state television channel Rossia-1 reported.

Police Officer Marat Deushev said Wednesday that the perpetrator is believed to have been paid to do the bidding of a man who lives in the victim's communal apartment.

A longtime quarrel between the two families that shared the communal apartment was the apparent motive, Deushev said in comments carried by Interfax. The officer did not disclose how much money is believed to have changed hands, but said the two suspects met while serving in the army together.

Moscow police released a statement on Tuesday saying a 27-year-old trained boxer had been detained for carrying out the assault and faces up to eight years in prison if convicted of infliction of grievous bodily harm.

He also has a previous conviction on the same charge, the statement noted. The man who allegedly ordered the attack has also been detained.

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