

Man Jumps to Valentine's Day Death From St. Petersburg's Tallest Hotel

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St. Petersburg's AZIMUT hotel seen from the bank of Fontanka river.

A 37-year-old man committed suicide on Valentine's Day by jumping from a 17th-floor window at St. Petersburg's tallest hotel, a news report said.

The man entered the AZIMUT Hotel in the city center at about 5 p.m. on Feb. 14 and asked for a room on the highest possible floor, the Nevskiye Novosti news site reported Sunday.

At about 10 p.m., the man locked the door from the inside, blocked it with a bedside-table and jumped the 17 stories to his death. The reason for the suicide has yet to be disclosed.

The AZIMUT Hotel was built in the middle of 20th century and used to be called the Sovetskaya Hotel. Standing at 19-stories high, it is still considered to be one of the tallest buildings in central St. Petersburg.

Police have opened an investigation into the incident, Nevskiye Novosti reported.

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