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Suspect Detained for Grisly Murder of World War II Vet

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Police in Siberia's Irkutsk have detained suspects in the stabbing death of a World War II veteran and his wife during what may have been a burglary gone wrong, investigators said.

The veteran, who was 87, and his wife have died of multiple knife wounds, and money appeared to have gone missing from their apartment, the regional Investigative Committee said in a statement Sunday.

Police had been called to the scene of the killing by neighbors who heard loud noises coming from the apartment on Thursday evening, investigators said, adding that suspects had been detained during an investigation over the following days. It did not specify the number of the suspects or provide any other details.

Crimes against World War II veterans are under "special control" of the Investigative Committee's leadership, the statement said.

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