

Russian Newlywed Sentenced for Burning Wife Alive

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A Russian man has been sentenced to 13 years in a high-security penal colony for murdering his wife by lighting her on fire the day after the couple walked down the aisle, state news agency RIA Novosti reported Tuesday.

Ivan Kuzmin of the southern Volgograd region poured a flammable liquid on his wife during an argument and set her dress on fire with a lighter in August last year, the report quoted the local prosecutor's office as saying.

The woman succumbed to her injuries in a hospital, and the man was charged with "murder committed with extreme cruelty," the report said.

Last October, a Belarussian man was sentenced to 14 years in prison for fatally shooting his wife on the night of their wedding because she was smoking a cigarette after promising she'd quit the habit, news agency BelTA reported.

The man then put the gun in his own mouth and pulled the trigger, but his injury didn't prove fatal, the report said. The couple had been living together for about a decade before finally

deciding to tie the knot.

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