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Russian Ex-Deputy Governor Who Fled Embezzlement Trial Caught 1,000 Miles Away

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Marina Kalugina

A Russian former deputy governor who fled an embezzlement trial on the day that she was sentenced was detained eight months later about 1,000 miles away, state media reported Wednesday.

Marina Kalugina, who served in the Urals region of Kurgan, fled a courtroom there in September during a recess just before she was sentenced to five and a half years in prison for a 7 million ruble ($140,000) embezzlement.

Kalugina was allowed to exit the courtroom because she had agreed to not leave town for the duration of the trial, a report by the TASS news agency said. Authorities caught up with her recently in the city of Nizhny Novgorod.

Her apartment, dacha and automobile were seized by authorities to pay off the 7 million

rubles, which was stolen from a state company that runs summer camps for children, the report said.

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