

Body of Russian Karate Champion Found in Plastic Bag

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The body of a prominent practitioner of kyokushin karate who had gone missing last week in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk has been found in a plastic bag, the RIA Novosti state news agency reported Monday, citing regional police forces.

The remains of 26-year-old Anton Krivosheyev — who reportedly holds international and Russian titles in the discipline — were discovered by a passerby in a vacant lot in Novosibirsk's Oktyabrsky district, RIA Novosti reported.

A murder case has been opened in response to the grisly discovery.

Krivosheyev had been last seen leaving his Novosibirsk home by car Thursday afternoon. His mobile phone was turned off a few hours after his disappearance, leaving him unreachable, according to RIA Novosti.

His vehicle, which was locked and had its alarm set, was found in the same district where his body was discovered. Police opened the vehicle using a spare set of keys but did not find

the athlete's identity papers or mobile phone, RIA Novosti reported.

Police are currently working to elucidate the circumstances surrounding the crime.

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