Siberian Mechanic Detained in Murder of Russian Karate Champ

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Anton Krivosheyev was a prominent practitioner of kyokushin karate.

A 67-year-old mechanic has admitted to killing a prominent karate champion whose body was discovered earlier this week in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, a news report said Friday.

The suspect turned himself into police on Thursday when he confessed to killing 26-year-old Anton Krivosheyev, a prominent practitioner of kyokushin karate, Interfax cited a spokesperson for the Investigative Committee as saying on Friday.

According to investigators, the murder was connected to a fight between the two men over recent work carried out by the suspect — who was not named in the report — on Krivosheyev's Porsche Cayenne.

The remains of Krivosheyev, who reportedly holds international and Russian titles in kyokushin karate, were discovered earlier this week in a plastic bag on a street near the city center, Interfax reported.

A preliminary investigation concluded that Krivosheyev died of profuse bleeding after being shot five times, the TASS news agency reported Friday.

The murder weapon has yet to be discovered, Interfax reported, although police have discovered the car in which the body of the victim is believed to have been transported.