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Teenage Boy Found Dead on Roof of Moscow Train

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The dead body of a teenage boy was found on the roof of a suburban train in Moscow on Thursday, prompting major delays along local train lines.

The teenager died from an electric shock, the Interfax news agency cited an unidentified police source as saying. He had apparently climbed up onto the roof somewhere outside Moscow and was electrocuted during the journey into the city, the report said.

The body was discovered at Losinoostrovskaya station on Moscow's northern outskirts at about 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Interfax reported. More than 30 trains were delayed by up to 2 1/2 hours as a result of the incident, local media reported.

The death is the latest in a series of incidents in which thrill-seeking teenagers have been killed or injured — mostly through electrocution from proximity to overhead power cables — while attempting to ride or take photos on the roof of a train.

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