

Russian Man Sentenced to 18 Months for Shooting Child

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A Russian man has been given an 18-month jail sentence for shooting a 6-year-old boy in the head with an air pistol while drunk, according to a police statement issued Wednesday.

The 43-year-old man fired on the boy while he was playing with other children in a kindergarten in the Urals town of Irbit, according to a court decision cited by local police. After his parents brought him to a hospital, doctors extracted a bullet that they found lodged in flesh below the child's chin.

At the time of the attack on June 1, police said the man was drunk.

"Seeing that a bullet had hit a boy, the shooter returned to his room, hid the pistol in a chest and for several days did not leave the building and did not open the door," the police statement said.

About 40 police officers were involved in the search for the perpetrator, who was living in a dormitory near the scene of the crime.

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