

Russian Woman Sent to Jail for Latest Monument Twerking Stunt (Video)

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A Russian court has sentenced a young woman to 10 days in prison for twerking near a World War II memorial, and fined the parents of three minors who also took part in the performance.

Twerking near World War II monuments and memorials has become a controversial trend in Russia over the last year, and several young women and minors have been sentenced to jail time or fined for such performances.

A court in the town of Pochep, in the Bryansk region of western Russia, found a 21-year-old woman guilty of "petty hooliganism," the Regional Prosecutor's Office said in a statement Thursday.

The court also ordered the parents of younger participants — two teens aged 15, and a 12-year-old girl — to pay fines for "failing to perform the parental duty for the upkeep and upbringing of minors," the statement said.

But prosecutors didn't stop there. Official reprimands were issued to administrators at the

girls' schools and to a local education department official for "failing to conduct educational and military-patriotic work with students at a proper level," the statement said.

Authorities launched an investigation into this latest twerking incident after a video of the girls' performance appeared online, prosecutors said in their statement.

Government officials have been demanding that war memorials should be treated as sacred grounds, and have called for developing strongly "patriotic" views and education in the country.

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