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Victims' Father Detained Over Double Homicide in Moscow Region

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Police in the Moscow region's town of Podolsk have detained a man suspected of stabbing his two small children to death before trying to commit suicide, the Investigative Committee said in a statement Sunday.

The man's nephew, who was present in the apartment during the Sunday night incident, prevented the 30-year-old suspect from committing suicide after he allegedly killed his 4-year-old son and 9-month-old daughter through the infliction of multiple knife wounds. The suspect also stabbed his wife and mother of the children, investigators said in a statement.

The man confessed to ingesting the synthetic marijuana commonly known as “spice” the day of the attack, TASS news agency reported Monday. Blood samples have been taken for analysis.

The suspect and his wife both work in the tourism industry and had recently returned with their children from Thailand, where they had resided in recent years, the report said.

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