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Russian Boy Hospitalized With Gunshot Wound to the Head

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A 4-year-old boy in the Russian city of St. Petersburg has been hospitalized with a gunshot wound to the head that his parents claim was self-inflicted, LifeNews tabloid reported.

The boy was taken to a St. Petersburg hospital on Sunday night with a gunshot wound to his forehead and other head injuries, an unidentified police official said, LifeNews reported Sunday.

His parents claim that the handgun was brought into their home by a friend who had left the gun in the pocket of a coat, hanging in the entryway, the report said.

“The boy took out the gun himself, in order to play,” according to the parents' account cited by the police source, LifeNews reported.

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