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Drunk Russian Man Steals Neighbor's Parrot for Chat

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A drunken man in central Russia is accused of stealing a neighbor's pet parrot — to have a conversation with the bird while imbibing, the Meduza news portal reported Tuesday.

A woman in the Kostroma region town of Nerekht found her parrot missing when she returned from a business trip in early February, the report said.

Investigators initially suspected the woman's female neighbor, a heavy drinker, of stealing the bird, but later identified the neighbor's acquaintance as the alleged bird thief, the report said.

“After joint abuse of alcohol, the man took the parrot with him as a conversation partner,” a police spokesperson was quoted as saying.

The parrot of the Corella breed was estimated to be worth about 5,700 rubles ($75), the report said.

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