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Ten Russian Regional Police Fired Over Missing Weapons

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Russian police in the southern Rostov region said Monday it had fired 10 of its officers after scores of firearms were found to be missing from an evidence room.

Twelve more officers were deemed "partially" unqualified for the job, and four others received "severe reprimands" following an investigation into the missing weapons, the Rostov regional branch of the Interior Ministry said in a statement.

A spokeswoman for the Rostov branch of the Investigative Committee, Galina Gagalaeva, said two men have been arrested in connection with the case, including a police officer who was in charge of weapons safekeeping, the Interfax news agency reported.

Interior Ministry inspectors had found 246 guns, hunting rifles, traumatic pistols and gas weapons to be missing from a stockpile local police had seized from suspects or received as part of a voluntary gun turn-in program, she was quoted as saying.

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