

Russian Girl Dragged by SUV Driven by Aunt

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A 2-year-old girl in Russia's Ural Mountains was dragged for several blocks by an SUV driven by her aunt, after the child's jacket got caught on the car's hitch, the Interior Ministry said in a statement Monday.

The girl was hospitalized with bruises, scratches and a suspected concussion after the incident in the Sverdlovsk region's town of Kamensk-Uralsky, the ministry's regional branch reported.

The girl and her 8-year-old brother had been playing outdoors when the hood of the girl's jacket caught on the hitch of the car, the statement said.

The boy tried running after the SUV and shouted to attract the attention of the girl's aunt and two passengers — the girl's uncle and grandmother — but without success, according to the statement.

The girl was rescued by passersby when the Russian-made Chevrolet-NIVA SUV stopped at a

traffic intersection, the ministry said.

The aunt faces “administrative” charges for allegedly fleeing the scene of the incident, while the mother has been charged with neglecting her parental duties, the statement said.

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