

Russian Man Claims He Bought Drugs On Popular Radio Host's Instructions

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A St. ■Petersburg resident facing trial for buying drugs online has claimed ■ that he followed ■ instructions from a famous Russian media ■ personality , ■ the Fontanka news website reported Thursday.

A man,⊠ 28,⊠ was⊠ arrested⊠i n⊠June in possession of 5 grams of polysynthetic psychoactive substances.⊠ Police⊠subsequently open ed⊠a criminal case against him for drug⊠ possession,⊠Fontanka reported.

Since 2011, Russian police dealing with cases of drug possession have asked offenders to name and identify their drug dealers, according to Fontanka.

While⊠the man declined to name the supplier of the drugs, he said⊠that shortly before his arrest he had listened to a program on the Vesti FM state radio station, headed by prominent presenter Vladimir⊠ Solovyov, which⊠discussed the relative ⊠ease of obtaining illegal drugs.

"Getting drugs in an hour? It's easy!" Solovyov said on the radio program.

According⊠to the accused, the progra m⊠was "incredibly informative." He⊠had used the⊠information to purchase drugs online, Fontanka reported.

The⊠program aired on June 1 and⊠provided detailed⊠information on how to purchase drugs online, the⊠type s⊠of drugs, websites and communities which deal in drugs, delivery⊠methods and ways for dealers and buyers to communicate anonymously.

The⊠man claimed to have missed Solovyov's comments about⊠drug users being⊠"lowli fes"⊠and how⊠the death penalty should be reintroduced to punish them.

"The⊠dealers, I would have them shot, no question — the buyers too,"⊠ Solovyov⊠said.

The defense lawyer in the case asked that prosecutors classify the radio program as a mitigating circumstance as the instructions aired during the program had led the accused to test the methods mentioned.

The⊠ defense's⊠ request⊠was subsequently rejected, Fontanka reported. g-popular-radio-hosts-instructions-a55447