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Ivan the Terrible Monument Vandalized in Russia's Oryol

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A man has been arrested and charged with "petty hooliganism" for placing a sack over the head of a recently unveiled monument to Ivan the Terrible in Oryol, about 360 kilometers southwest of Moscow. Local police received a phone call about the vandal on the night of Oct. 30, according to the Interfax news agency.

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The police then apprehended the attacker "without delay." The charge of petty hooliganism is a misdemeanor and carries a fine.

On Oct. 14 Russia's first monument to Tsar Ivan IV, better known as Ivan the Terrible, was unveiled in the city of Oryol near the confluence of the Oka and Orlik rivers.

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Thousands of kilometers east, in the Siberian town of Kansk, a local artist recently erected his own monument to Ivan the Terrible — a bloody spike planted in the snow. Over the weekend, it was chopped down.

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