

Student Jailed for Murder of Russian Journalist Tsilikin

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A 22-year-old student has been [sentenced to eight and a half years in prison](#) for the brutal murder of celebrated Russian journalist Dmitry Tsilikin.

Sergei Kosyrev stabbed Tsilikin more than 30 times in the journalist's apartment in St. Petersburg March last year.

Tsilikin stole the 54-year-old's phone, laptop and wallet.

In a closed hearing, the court heard that the pair had initially met on the internet. Kosyrev later attacked Tsilikin following a "sudden quarrel."

Joseph Gabunia, the student's lawyer, told RIA Novosti his client intends to appeal the verdict.

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Dmitry Tsilikin was a well-known art and music critic. He contributed to Russian newspapers Vedomosti and Kommersant, St. Petersburg's Theater Magazine and also hosted several television programs.

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