

Russian Rapper Gnoyny Attacked 'Professionally' Before Concert

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Rapper Vyacheslav Mashnov, known as "Gnoyny" ("Rotten") / slavakpss / Vkontakte

Seven people assaulted the Russian rapper Vyacheslav Mashnov, known as "Gnoyny" (Rotten) in St. Petersburg on Monday night, in an attack which may have left the musician concussed, the RBC business portal [reported](#).

Gnoyny, who also goes by the nickname "Slava KPSS," (Glory to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union) gained notoriety with rap battles, in which contestants brag and insult each other before a jury. His battle with Oxymirrin in August [won](#) more than 26 million views on YouTube.

Andrei Zamai, Gnoyny's manager, [told](#) the St. Petersburg Channel 5 that the musician was headed for the VIP entrance of the Aurora club where he was due to perform when unidentified assailants grabbed and beat him, shouting that he should apologize for his provocative lyrics.

"They beat him professionally," Zamai said. "These were organized people who weren't just hooligans but seized with an idea," he said.

Gnoyny performed despite the attack. Mash, the Telegram news service related to LifeNews, [reported](#) he had "a few scratches."

Police [told](#) the state-run RIA Novosti news agency that they were investigating the incident.

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