

Police Search Sobchak Campaign Headquarters in Rostov

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Police in the southern Russian city of Rostov-on-Don reportedly searched the regional headquarters of presidential candidate Ksenia Sobchak, saying an unsanctioned campaign event was due to be held in the office.

Sobchak, 36, socialite and former reality TV presenter, <u>announced</u> her candidacy in October. She is the daughter of Anatoly Sobchak, the first elected mayor of St. Petersburg and a mentor to President Vladimir Putin.

"[The police] came with a dog, they inspected everything, they were searching for weapons and ammunition," the independent Dozhd TV outlet <u>cited</u> Sobchak's regional coordinator Anastasiya Shevchenko as saying.

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Sobchak traveled to Rostov Wednesday to open her campaign office and greet volunteers and supporters at a hotel.

Last week, prosecutors<u>launched</u> a probe into Sobchak's statements that Crimea was Ukrainian territory.

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