

Armed Men in Balaclavas Kidnap, Rob Moscow Businessman

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Unknown men wearing balaclavas have kidnapped a Russian businessman in a gangland-style incident reminiscent of the 1990s.

Eyewitnesses reported seeing the kidnapping in northeastern Moscow late on Thursday, a local police precinct [told](#) the Moskva news agency.

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Four balaclava-clad assailants armed with automatic weapons reportedly forced the men into a car and drove off into an industrial zone, the news agency reported Friday.

“There, the intruders inflicted bodily injuries on the victims and openly stole 2 million rubles [\$35,300], after which they escaped,” Moskva cited the police as saying.

Authorities have set up a city-wide interception plan to locate the kidnappers.

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