

Residents Asked to Return Stolen Holiday Decorations Outside St. Petersburg

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Residents of a Russian town near St. Petersburg were issued an unusual request from the mayor's office after the holiday season.

Local authorities say that the main Christmas tree in the town of Sosnovy Bor was stripped bare of all but the topmost ornaments during the New Year holidays, local authorities [said](#) Tuesday.

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A statement on the city hall's website simply [said](#): "Return the Ornaments."

"Otherwise, there will be nothing with which to decorate the tree next year," the Sosnovy Bor

City Hall wrote Tuesday.

Vladimir Sadovsky, the head of the Sosnovy Bor urban district, said that locals could leave the stolen decorations — including 30-centimeter-wide ornaments — under the tree.

“So far, no one has returned anything,” Sadovsky told the local 47news.ru website.

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