

# Russian Man With Crowbar Caught Stealing 275 Tons of Train Tracks

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An unemployed man in St. Petersburg has been detained after reportedly dismantling 275 metric tons of railway tracks over the past month.

The city's transport police said it caught the 38-year-old suspect red-handed in a municipality southeast of the city center.

"The woebegone mechanic dismantled more than 275 metric tons of metal products with a wrench and a crowbar," transport police [said](#) in a statement Wednesday.

The unnamed culprit faces up to five years behind bars and an 80,000 ruble (\$1,250) fine on charges of theft.

St. Petersburg's Fontanka.ru news website [estimated](#) that the 275 metric tons of tracks could be sold for 5 million rubles (\$79,000), citing scrap metal price listings.

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