

Russian Accused of Spy Poisoning Tells Russia TV He May Comment Next Week

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Alexander Petrov / Metropolitan Police

One of the Russians named by Britain as a suspect in the poisoning of former Russian spy Sergei Skripal and his daughter Yulia, has said he may comment publicly on the case next week, a Russian state television station said on Wednesday.

British prosecutors last week identified two Russians who they said were operating under aliases — Alexander Petrov and Ruslan Boshirov — and who they said had tried to murder the Skripals with a military-grade nerve agent in England.

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State television channel Rossia-24 said it had spoken to Petrov and that he declined to

comment on the case for now, saying only that he worked for a pharmaceutical company in the Siberian city of Tomsk.

"No comment for the moment. Maybe later. Next week, I think," he was quoted as saying.

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