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Axe-Wielding Masked Men Rob Moscow Taxi

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A group of masked men armed with axes has reportedly robbed passengers of a taxi in southern Moscow of 4.5 million rubles ($67,800).

Moscow's Interior Ministry branch told the RBC news website that four suspects broke the windows of a taxi and stole a bag with money inside on Wednesday.

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Police declined to name the victims' nationalities, but a law-enforcement source told the state-run RIA Novosti news agency they were Chinese tourists. The stolen bag contained $60,000 and 400,000 rubles, the source said.

The suspects' abandoned car was later found outside a residential building.

Authorities opened a criminal case into armed robbery, RBC reported.

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