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Russian Prankster Destroys Car With Sledgehammer, Faces 5 Years in Prison

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A Russian man who smashed up his badly parked car with a sledgehammer for a social media prank may now face up to five years in prison, the Interior Ministry in northern Russia's Yamal-Nenets autonomous district said in a press release Tuesday.

A video posted online shows the man getting a sledgehammer from the trunk of his car as another car seems to block his exit. The man proceeds to smash the hood, roof and windows of the car that is in the way.

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As it turns out, the prankster, who is a resident of the town of Novy Urengoy, had staged the sledgehammer smash-up.

The car that was destroyed was his own and filming the incident had been planned in advance,

as was discovered during the culprit's questioning by police, according to the press release.

All of the man's efforts to make the perfect prank video are arguably in vain; he faces up to five years in prison under charges of hooliganism with dangerous weapons, to which he has pleaded guilty, the police said.

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