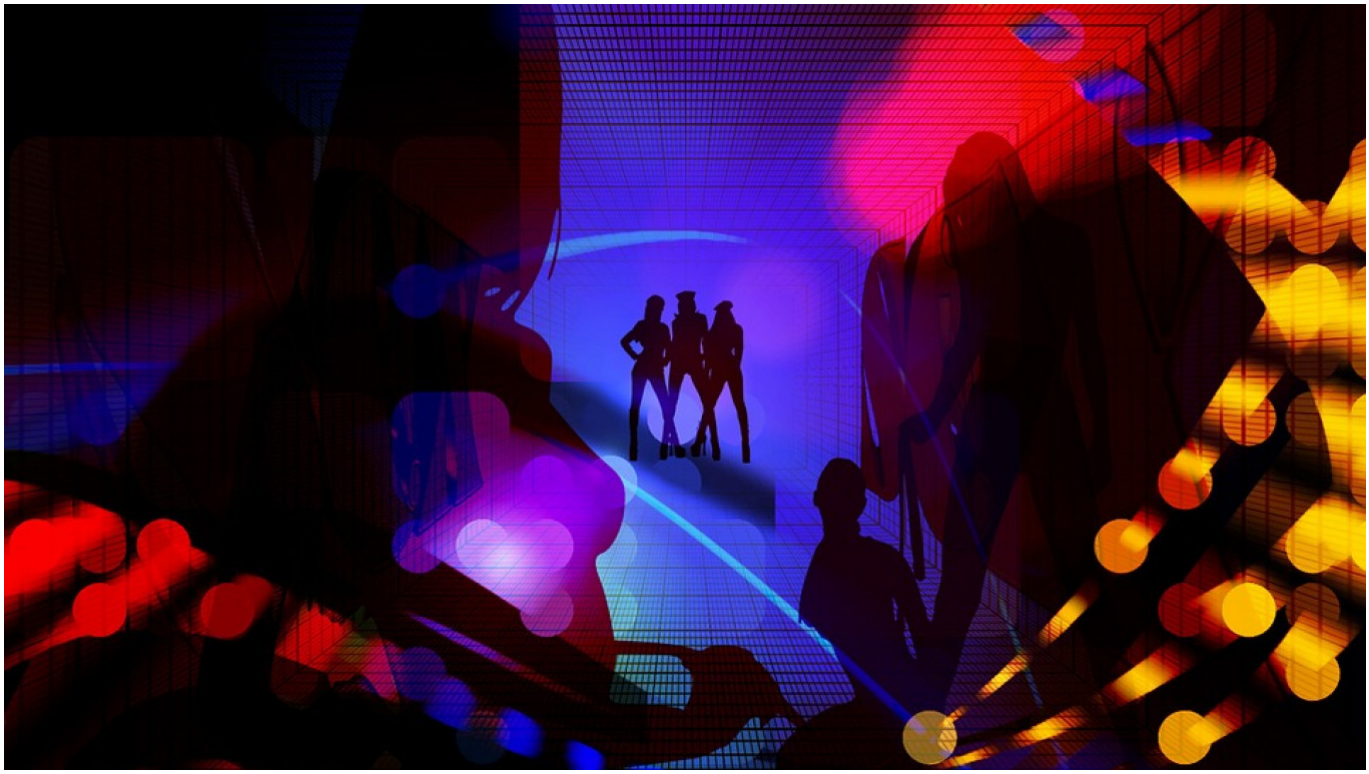
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Siberian Official Resigns After Police Bust Brothel in His Home

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A deputy mayor in Siberia has resigned months after authorities uncovered a brothel in his apartment, Russian media reported this week.

Police in the city of Nyagan in November 2018 had busted the brothel in an apartment that deputy mayor Viktor Manukhin was subletting, local media reported. A criminal case was opened for the "organization of engaging in prostitution" and one person was convicted and fined 100,000 rubles.

Manukhin acknowledged renting out the ill-fated apartment but "wasn't interested in what was happening in his apartment after signing the lease," the ura.ru news website quoted an unnamed law enforcement source as saying.

The report prompted prosecutors to inspect claims that Manukhin, who was in charge of legal issues, had not declared income from the sublet.

Manukhin's boss Ivan Yamashev told ura.ru on Tuesday that his deputy had tendered his resignation.

"He figured it's impossible to work in this place in light of all these events," Yamashev told the state-run TASS news agency Wednesday.

Nyagan, located in the Khanty-Mansiisk autonomous district, is the birthplace of tennis star Maria Sharapova.

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