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3 Killed in Yekaterinburg Knife Attack

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Three people have been killed in a knife attack in Russia's fourth-largest city of Yekaterinburg, state and local media reported Monday.

A man stabbed three passersby with a knife in a park near the Zheleznodorozhny railway station in the city of 1.3 million located 1,400 kilometers east of Moscow, the state-run TASS news agency reported, citing regional investigators.

According to TASS, the attack was the result of an alcohol-fueled dispute.

The local e1.ru news website reported that all three victims were men.

E1.ru identified the attacker as 34-year-old Alexander Nikolayevich Kukushkin. It said he has faced administrative charges for drunk driving, public drinking and petty hooliganism in the past.

Police shot and wounded the attacker when he tried to resist arrest, TASS reported, citing the regional Interior Ministry. He has been taken to a local hospital where he will be interrogated.

Regional investigators and forensic experts are at the scene.

Knife attacks are not uncommon in Russia, with recent examples including a 2018 knife fight at a school in Perm that wounded 12 and the 2017 stabbing of prominent journalist Tatyana Felgenhauer which she survived.

The article is being updated.

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