

Russian Lawyer Attacked With Green Dye in Moscow

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Lawyer Yelena Ponomareva. **Social media**

A Russian lawyer was attacked and doused in green antiseptic dye at a bus stop in Moscow on Thursday.

Yelena Ponomareva, 46, said she was diagnosed with second-degree chemical eye burns following the attack carried out by an unidentified assailant.

A photo shared by her colleague showed Ponomareva's head, arms and dress fully covered in the green antiseptic commonly known in Russia as *zelyonka*.

Independent legal news outlet Advokatskaya Ulitsa [said](#) Ponomareva had been under state protection following past attacks.

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“I previously received threats to my life and health... in connection with my professional

activity,” Ponomareva [wrote](#) on Facebook early Friday, without specifying which activities in particular would have made her the target of such an attack.

Ponomareva uploaded a photo of her car covered in white paint, saying it had previously been vandalized with paint and had its tires punctured.

The Moscow region bar association, which first [reported](#) the attack on the lawyer late Thursday, said law enforcement had yet to open a criminal investigation into the incident.

It was the second high-profile attack using *zelyonka* this week, with award-winning Novaya Gazeta journalist Yelena Milashina brutally assaulted and covered with the green antiseptic in Chechnya on Tuesday.

Attacks using the dye have become [widespread](#) in Russia, as both jailed Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny and Nobel Peace Prize-winning journalist Dmitry Muratov have been assaulted with *zelyonka*.

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