

City Bus Crashes Into St. Petersburg Bus Stop, Killing Woman

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A woman was killed when a city bus crashed into a bus stop in St. Petersburg, Russian media reported Friday afternoon.

The bus driver apparently lost control while making a turn, ramming into passenger vehicles, another bus and a bus stop, transportation authorities <u>told</u> the state-run news agency TASS. Local news outlet Fontanka <u>identified</u> the victim as a woman in her 50s.

According to Fontanka, the bus driver may have fallen asleep at the wheel. The city bus operator said the driver had passed a medical inspection before going on duty that day.

"The work-rest schedule was observed," the company Domtransavto was quoted as saying by Fontanka.

The news outlet identified the driver as a 55-year-old native of the southern Russian republic of Dagestan with 16 years of driving experience. The driver has worked for Domtransavto

since 2022.

St. Petersburg police <u>said</u> they were working to establish the circumstances of the crash.

The city branch of Russia's Investigative Committee, which probes major crimes, <u>said</u> it launched a preliminary inquiry into safety violations.

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