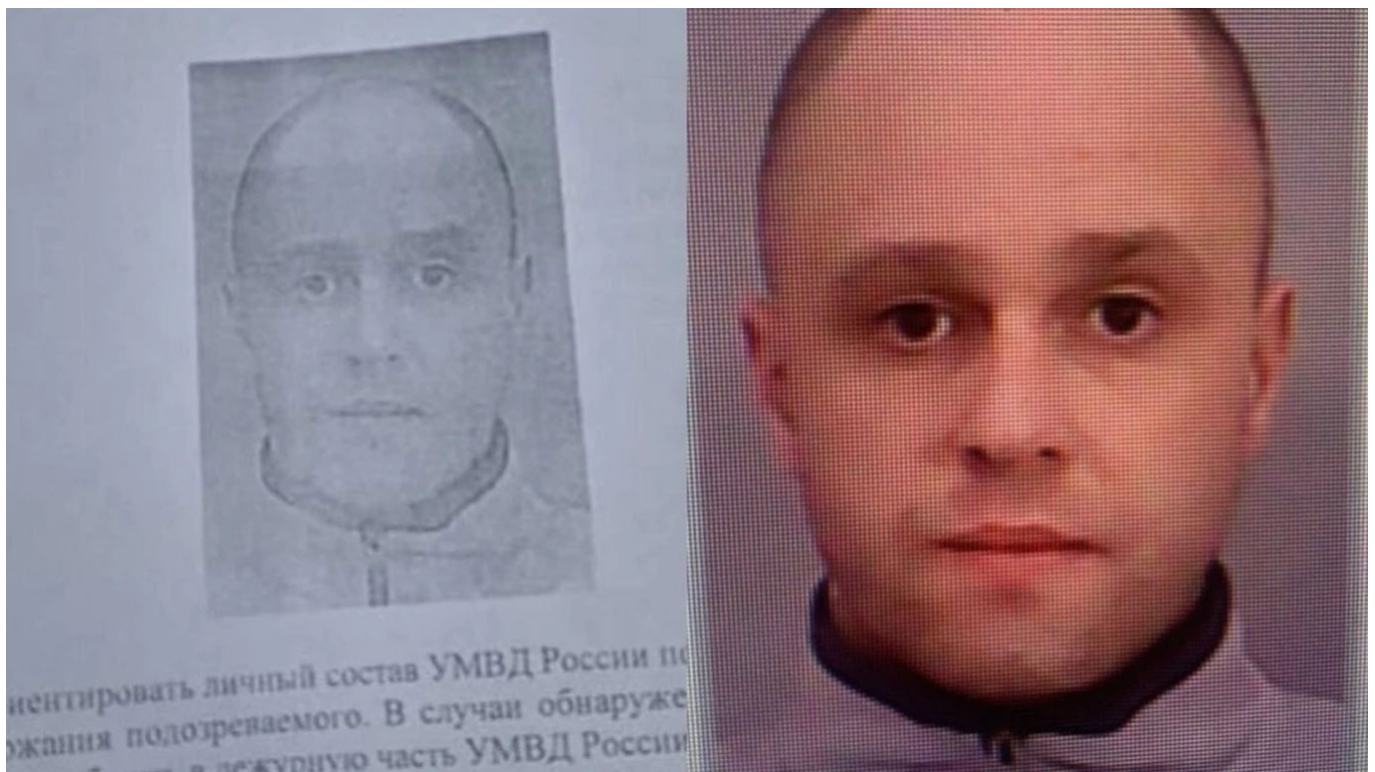


Chelyabinsk Police Launch Manhunt After War Veteran Reportedly Murders Wife

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A man identified by local media as Sergei Moskalenko. **Social media**

Law enforcement authorities in the Russian city of Chelyabinsk have launched a manhunt for a Ukraine war veteran who is believed to have killed his wife, local media [reported](#) Wednesday.

Police told the 74.ru news outlet that a search was underway for a 37-year-old resident suspected of committing a “serious criminal offense.” Investigators also [said](#) they launched a criminal probe into the reported murder but did not provide further details.

Local media [published](#) a screenshot of what was said to be a police alert identifying the alleged suspect, Sergei Moskalenko, as a veteran of Russia’s war against neighboring Ukraine.

The alert stated that Moskalenko on Tuesday had “inflicted fatal injuries” against his 37-year-old wife Ksenia, adding that he may be armed.

Local media, citing anonymous sources, reported that Moskalenko is thought to have

[strangled](#) his wife to death.

Eyewitnesses told 74.ru that police officers were stopping and checking cars along roadways in the eastern Chelyabinsk suburb of Churilovo, leading to heavy [traffic](#) during rush hour on Wednesday.

Authorities have not issued any official statements about the reported murder and manhunt.

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