

Son of Former Senior Official Reportedly Arrested in Moscow Murder Investigation

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The son of a former Russian government official has been arrested on murder charges in Moscow after allegedly stabbing an acquaintance to death inside an apartment, law enforcement sources [told the media](#) Wednesday.

Alexander Khotin was detained Tuesday in the town of Mozhaysk west of Moscow, where they allegedly found a blood-stained knife inside a bathroom, according to RBC. Investigators launched a murder investigation.

Telegram channels with links to Russia's security services [reported](#) that, on Monday night, Khotin got into an argument with 54-year-old Alexander Kumantsov inside an apartment in western Moscow.

Telegram channels Mash and Shot, however, disagree on Khotin's age, with one writing he is

33, and the other 34 years old.

During the altercation, Khotin allegedly [stabbed](#) Kumantsov at least seven times in the neck, face and head. Kumantsov managed to crawl out of the apartment into the hallway and knock on neighbors' doors for help, [according](#) to Ren TV.

He died in the hospital hours later.

Ren TV video [showed](#) blood stains across at least two apartment building floors.

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There were no public statements by officials on the murder investigation and The Moscow Times could not independently verify the media reports.

Khotin is the son of Igor Albin, who served as Russia's minister of regional development between 2012 and 2014, then as deputy governor of St. Petersburg between 2014 and 2018.

Albin, formerly Igor Slyunyayev, held executive positions at Gazprombank and worked as a university adviser following his government career.

Ren TV reported that Albin and his son have been estranged and have not maintained contact for a long time.

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