

Russian 'Slain by Gay Lover'

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A Russian businessman was tortured and killed in a Thai resort by two Russian hitmen hired by his gay lover, local newspaper Pattaya Daily News reported Wednesday.

Investigators think that the victim, Viktor Grishin, 36, was kidnapped last week and forced to disclose pin numbers for his credit cards, then beaten into unconsciousness, taken to the secluded Buddha Mountain, shot dead and buried there, the newspaper said.

The suspected hitmen were detained Wednesday, and one suffered injuries after being shot by police for attempting to start a shootout. He refused to give his name, but the other, Rashid Gasanov, 36, said they were hired by Sergei Alexandrov, 24, Grishin's former lover. It was unclear whether police had detained Alexandrov. ❏

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