

4 Cases Against Cops

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Four cases were opened against police officers in the Vladimir region town of Gus-Khrustalny, which is thought to have been controlled mafia gangs for years, RIA-Novosti reported, citing the local branch of the Investigative Committee.

The investigators did not elaborate or identify the suspects, but earlier reports said local police were collecting bribes from mafia members in exchange for covering up crimes, including murders. The story hit the spotlight after local businessmen, politicians and public figures published an appeal last month, saying criminals had taken over Gus-Khrustalny and even occupied seats in the town's administration and legislature.

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