

22 Years for Cop Killer

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A Dagestani native was sentenced Tuesday to 22 years in prison for shooting dead a patrol cop and injuring another after being stopped for a document check in Moscow last March, Interfax reported.

Yakub Kartakayev, 27, admitted to attacking the officers, killing Denis Klimovich and wounding Konstantin Bykov.

“I was protecting my honor. They began to insult me, hit me, and slap me in the face. Anyone would have done the same,” Kartakayev told the court.

Kartakayev, himself injured by Bykov, fled the scene but was apprehended within days.

The court on Tuesday gave two unidentified defendants a year in prison each for hiding Kartakayev, and a third got off with a suspended one-year sentence.

Neither Kartakayev nor the prosecutors, who requested a life sentence, said whether they would appeal.

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