

Kidnapped Girl Stabbed

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A Saratov resident was held on suspicion of stabbing to death a 12-year-old kidnapped for ransom and trying to burn her body, a spokesman for the local Investigative Committee said Thursday, Interfax reported.

The suspect, Kadria Mizinova, 23, purportedly needed money for a lawyer for her husband, an ex-convict charged with robbery, the report said. The victim, Ilnara Yagudina, daughter of a local restaurateur, was in the same class as Mizinova's niece.

Mizinova is suspected of kidnapping the girl on Tuesday by offering her a ride from school and then texting her father to demand 3.5 million rubles (\$118,000) in ransom. Later realizing that the girl knew her identity, she allegedly stabbed her 45 times and burned her body, local news site Nversia.ru said.

If charged and convicted of kidnapping and murder, Mizinova faces up to life in prison.

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