

Producer of Russian Singer Vitas in Suicide Attempt

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Sergey Pudovkin, the producer of Russian singer Vitas, was admitted to Sklifosovsky emergency hospital on Tuesday with minor injuries following a suicide attempt, according to a police source.

At 3:41 a.m. Tuesday an ambulance crew responded to a call from the occupant of 16 Shmitovskiy Proezd, where they found Pudovkin in a state of severe stress. The doctors administered medical assistance to the producer in his home before leaving, Interfax reported.

Soon, medical personnel were called out to the same address for a second time and discovered that Pudovkin had slit his wrists.

The Interior Ministry confirmed that the incident had taken place, but did not confirm the man's identity.

However, it was later confirmed by law enforcement authorities that Sergey Pudovkin was the man in question, Rossiiskaya Gazeta reported.

The incident may be related to the criminal case lodged against Vitaly Grachev, known by his stage name Vitas, on charges of violent conduct against authorities, Interfax reported.

On May 10, Vitas, known for his five-octave vocal range, hit a cyclist with his car outside the All-Russia Exhibition Center in the northeast of Moscow and then allegedly threatened her with a dummy Makarov pistol, the report said.

He also allegedly refused to take a breathalyzer test when the police arrived and used threatening behaviour. His lawyer, Sergei Zhorin, claims that Vitas was not under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

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