

Moscow Court Decides Not to Arrest Oppositionist Korovin

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A court in the Moscow Region decided against sanctioning the arrest of Vadim Korovin, an oppositionist and an activist with the Russian Federation of Car Owners, accused of hitting a policeman with his car.

According to investigators, Korovin was riding a car on the Rublyovo-Uspenskoye highway in Moscow on May 24 and refused to give way to a police car, moving in the oncoming lane with its sirens on. A traffic policeman later tried to stop him, but Korovin allegedly hit him with a bumper of his car and rode away, investigators said.

The Odintsovo Municipal Court of the Moscow region turned down on Monday a request from investigators to sanction Korovin's arrest citing lack of evidence and set the activist free under a pledge not to leave the country.

"I want to go home now and hug my wife," Korovin told journalists as he left the court's

building.

Korovin, who is also a member of the opposition group RosAgit, was also detained by police last March as he tried to distribute tents for demonstrators in Moscow protesting presidential elections.

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