

Teenager Jailed for Killing Potato Thief

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VORONEZH, June 4 (RIA Novosti) — A teenager in the central Russian city of Voronezh has been sentenced to six years in prison for stabbing to death a man who stole a pan of potatoes from him, the regional prosecutor's office said.

In April 2012, the 16-year-old's father told him that the potatoes were stolen from their home and that a fellow villager was probably the one who did it.

Later that day the teenager, drunk off hard liquor, went to the neighbor's house, beat him and cut him with a knife, the court heard. The man subsequently died of his wounds.

After killing the man, the teenager failed to find the stolen pan of potatoes, prosecutors said. The man's daughter later found the pan in a sink.

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