

Arsonists Target Church Attended by 'Gay Propaganda' Law Co-Author

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The St. Petersburg City Hall deputy who co-authored the law banning "homosexual propaganda" said unidentified assailants attempted to set fire to the church where he heads the board of trustees.

"Last night some degenerates tried to set the St. Peter's church on fire. Police have begun searching for the criminals," Vitaly Milonov wrote in his Twitter blog on Sunday.

He said that it was an arson attempt and that "Molotov cocktail were found" near the church.

At around 4 a.m. an unknown person tried to break a window pane and throw a bottle with flammable liquid into the church, but he could not break the glass before the alarm went off, alerting the police, Fontanka.ru reported.

The wooden church of St. Peter is located in St. Petersburg on Prospekt Stachek. The lawmaker

not only heads the church's trustee board, but regularly participates in religious services.

There has been no indication that the arson attempt had anything to do with Milonov's participation in the church's affairs.

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