

2 Police Suspended for Beating Suspect in Custody

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Law enforcement authorities in the Volgograd Region have opened a criminal case against two police officers from the town of Kamyshin, who beat up a suspect in police custody while trying to obtain a confession from him, regional police said Thursday.

The case against the officers was opened by the Investigative Committee's regional office on charges of exceeding authority based on the results of an internal investigation, police spokesperson Svetlana Smolyaninova said, Interfax reported.

On Oct. 9 a district police officer and a criminal investigator detained a person on suspicion of stealing building materials.

"Demanding a confession police officers had used physical force against the detained person, after which the suspect was hospitalized with two broken ribs," Smolyaninova said.

Both police officers, aged 24 and 25 years old, hold the rank of first lieutenant and have been suspended from active service pending the outcome of the investigation.

Their immediate superiors will also be reprimanded, the report said.

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