

Drugs Case Opened Against 'Russian Heisenberg'

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In an incident reminiscent of the hit cable television series "Breaking Bad," a criminal case has been opened against a retired teacher in Dagestan who is suspected of preparing and dealing drugs, a narcotics police official said.

The former mathematics teacher Gasanali Ibragimov, 55, who reportedly lost his job due to his narcotics addiction, set up a drug den at his house in Makhachkala that his former pupils visited, regional drug control officer Shirinbek Shikhabidov told Rossiiskaya Gazeta.

The chemistry teacher from AMC's "Breaking Bad," who went by the nickname Heisenberg, sold methamphetamine, whereas Ibragimov faces four years in prison for making and distributing desomorphine, a heroin substitute known as krokodil for its gruesome side effect of causing gray and green scales to appear on users' skin.

While Ibragimov provided the equipment for the production of krokodil, his clients reportedly supplied the ingredients needed to make the drug.

Drug control employees said they found multiple syringes containing the substance on Ibragimov's person during a raid on his house.

Krokodil addicts are thought to live for an average of one year after beginning to inject the drug, often dying of gangrene and necrosis.

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