

Moscow Police Officers Detained on Suspicion of Aiding Kidnapper

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Two Moscow police officers were detained late Tuesday on suspicion of having assisted in the abduction of a businessman and his bodyguards, a news report said.

The detained men were employees of the Interior Ministry's Internal Security Directorate, the Interfax news agency reported, citing an unidentified police source. Prior to their detention, raids were conducted at their offices as part of an operation ordered by Moscow police chief Anatoly Yakunin, the report added.

State Duma deputy Alexander Khinshtein confirmed the raids on Twitter, hinting that the case would be an intriguing one: "I don't think this is the end of it."

The raids and detentions were prompted by the abduction of a Moscow businessman and his two bodyguards on Aug. 19, a crime believed to have been committed by an unidentified 45-year-old Kemerovo native with assistance from police officers, according to Interfax.

The businessman and his bodyguards were later released by their captors. No further details on the crime have been released.

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