

Moscow Police Detain Group of Suspected Pedophiles

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Moscow police have detained a group of suspected pedophiles believed to have been accompanying children to holiday camps in Russia and abroad and then sexually abusing them.

Investigators say the suspects set up companies specializing in vacations for children between the ages of 10 and 16 and then accompanied the kids on trips in order to sexually abuse them, according to a statement on the Interior Ministry's website.

The trips were made to various regions throughout Russia, as well as to some overseas destinations.

Four men were detained, and police already have testimony against three of them, the statement said.

The number of victims was not disclosed. If found guilty of sexually abusing minors, the men face up to 20 years in prison.

In a separate case Thursday, a trainer from an athletic school in the northern city of Murmansk was sentenced to 13 years in prison for molesting his students.

A statement on the Murmansk regional prosecutor's website said the man, Oleg Svidovich, was found to have abused his students from 2009 to 2011 during trips to sports competitions.

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