

Moscow Businessman Savagely Killed Steps From Home

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The general director of the Alyans Avto car service center in the Moscow suburb of Krasnogorsk was stabbed to death outside the entrance to his apartment building as he came home from work, local media reported Thursday.

Igor Shramchenko, whom a neighbor described as a "respectable man" in a television report, died in front of his mother, who was working as a concierge at the building's entryway, according to the report by channel Moskva-24.

The 50-year-old succumbed to his injuries around 9 p.m. Wednesday at the building, located at 37 Komsomolskaya Ulitsa in Krasnogorsk, state news agency TASS reported.

The killer had ambushed the victim at the entrance to the building and stabbed him in the stomach, the Investigative Committee said in an online statement.

Investigators have opened a murder investigation, the statement said.

Repeated calls to Shramchenko's company went unanswered Thursday afternoon.

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