

Russian Tourist Arrested on Suspicion of Rape in Thailand

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A 50-year-old male Russian tourist has been arrested in Thailand's beach resort Pattaya for allegedly attempting to rape a female bar employee, the Pattaya Daily News reported.

The woman told police that a Russian man who had been drinking at the bar invited her to go to a party with him when the bar closed, the news outlet said Tuesday. The woman reportedly agreed, but on the way the man attacked the woman and tried to rape her. She hit him with a rock and managed to escape, the report said.

The man was found by police near the alleged crime scene, given first aid and then taken into custody. The Russian Embassy has not yet commented on the incident, Russian media reported.

Pattaya is a popular holiday destination for Russian tourists, although the economic crisis has taken its toll and the number of Russians holidaying in Thailand decreased last year by 5.5 percent, according to a report by Business Insider.

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