

Russian Prison Guards Intercept a Drone Sneaking a Mobile Phone to an Inmate

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Two men in the Russian city of Tomsk were detained last week outside a local prison, after trying to deliver a mobile phone to their friend, who's currently an inmate at the facility. The scheme failed, despite its creativity: they taped the phone to a drone and flew it over the prison grounds in the middle of the night.

Patrol guards discovered the two suspects, both young men in their twenties, with a drone remote control and several spare mobile phones, according to the news agency RIA Novosti. One of the men reportedly served time for theft, and is a former cellmate of the current prisoner who hoped to get his hands on the airlifted mobile phone.

The two men now face administrative fines as high as 5,000 rubles (\$86), and they shouldn't expect to get back their drone quadcopter.

In January, prison guards in Murmansk also intercepted a drone carrying several mobile

phones, but the aircraft's operator fled the scene before being discovered.

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