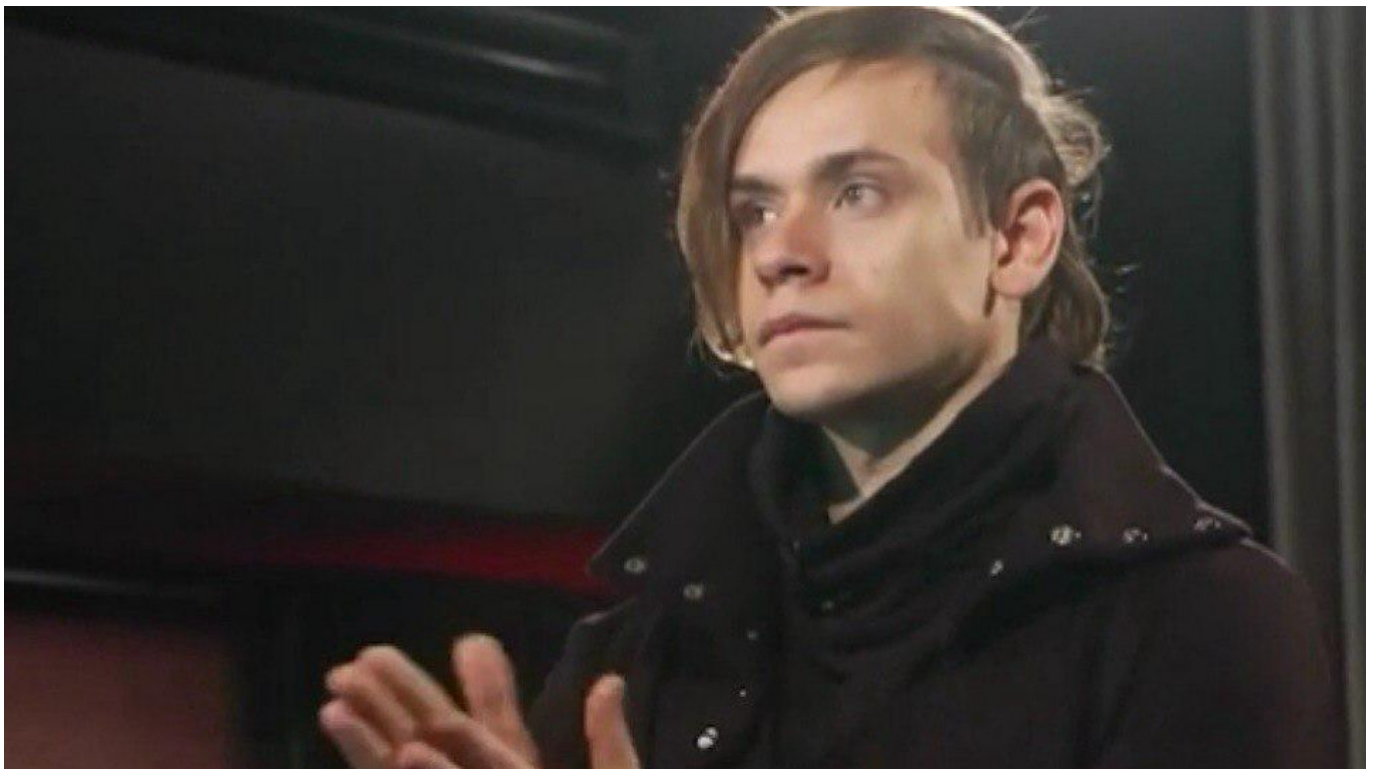


Russian Fugitive Psychic Arrested for Possession of 'Magic Salt'

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A fugitive Russian psychic has been arrested on charges of drug possession of a mysterious white powder, local media reported Thursday.

Arseniy Karazhdaev reportedly skipped bail and went on the run after being arrested for theft at a shopping mall in central St. Petersburg last year. At the time of his arrest, police officers had found a packet containing a mysterious substance that Karazhdaev said was “magic salt.”

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Karazhaev, who featured on Russia's wanted list, was arrested by law enforcement agents this week and charged with drug possession and theft, the 360 television station [reported](#) on Thursday.

Karazhaev previously featured as a magician on the popular “Battle of the Psychics” reality television show, which is now in its 18th season. A fan of martial arts and Tibetan monks, Karazhdaev claimed to possess superpowers on the show.

In the episode that saw him getting knocked out of the competition, Karazhdaev was [pitted](#) against contestants including Tatyana “the northern witch,” Julia “the stereotype breaker” and Yuliy, “a sceptic and a fan of deduction.”

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