

## Accused serial killer to be tried soon

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MOSCOW -- Russian prosecutors say they have a strong case against an accused serial killer believed responsible for dozens of slayings in a Moscow park. Iskandar Galimov, head of criminal investigation for the interior ministry, said investigators have proved Alexander Pichushkin killed at least 62 women, Itar-Tass reported. Galimov allegedly targeted both women he knew and strangers. He was nicknamed "the Bittsa maniac" by some news agencies after his arrest in June 2006 because many of his alleged crimes took place in the Bittsa Forest Park. Pichushkin is expected to go on trial soon in Moscow City Court.

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