

Russia

The Criminal Code of the Russian Federation

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Article 126

1. Abduction shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of four to eight years.
 2. The same act committed:
 - a) by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy;
 - b) repeatedly;
 - c) with the use of violence with danger for human life and health, or a threat to apply such violence;
 - d) with the use of weapons or objects used as weapons;
 - e) against an obvious juvenile;
 - f) against a woman who is in a state of pregnancy, which is evident to the convicted person;
 - g) against two or more persons;
 - h) out of mercenary motives, shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of five to ten years.
 3. Deeds stipulated by the first and second parts of this Article, if they:
 - a) have been committed by an organized group;
 - b) have been committed by a person who was previously sentenced for crimes stipulated by this Article, and also for illegal deprivation of liberty or capture of a hostage;
 - c) have entailed by negligence the death of the victim or any other grave consequences, - shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of eight to twenty years.
- Note: A person who has set free the abducted person voluntarily shall be released from criminal responsibility, unless his actions contain a different corpus delicti.

Article 127

1. Illegal deprivation of a person's liberty, which is not related to his abduction, shall be punishable by restraint of liberty for a term of up to three years, or by arrest for a term of three to six months, or deprivation of liberty for a term of up to two years.
2. The same deed committed:
 - a) by a group of persons under a preliminary conspiracy;
 - b) repeatedly;
 - c) with the use of violence with danger for human life and health;
 - d) with the use of weapons or objects used as weapons;
 - e) against an obvious juvenile;
 - f) against a woman who is in a state of pregnancy, which is evident to the convicted person;
 - g) against two or more persons,shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of three to five years.
3. Deeds provided for by the first or second parts of this Article, if they have been committed by an organized group or have entailed by negligence the death of the victim, or any other grave consequences, shall be punishable by deprivation of liberty for a term of four to eight years.