

# **RUSSIA: 16 Jehovah's Witnesses behind bars as of 8 June**

HRWF (08.06.2018) – The number of Jehovah's Witnesses deprived of their freedom has been dramatically and rapidly increasing in Russia since the ban of their religion in April 2017.

It can unfortunately be expected that the situation will worsen day after day and that young Jehovah's Witnesses will also be targeted for their conscientious objection to military service, as members of a banned extremist religious organization (!).

Here is an updated list of 16 prisoners as of 8 June 2018. Their pre-trial detention is systematically prolonged until their trial starts.

See below the region they are from, followed by the name of the detainee and birthdate, the date of the arrest, the article of the criminal code and the dates of their pre-trial detention.

## ***Charges***

Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 1: Organisation of the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity.

Criminal Code Article 282.2, Part 2: Participation in the activity of a social or religious association or other organisation in relation to which a court has adopted a decision legally in force on liquidation or ban on the

activity in connection with the carrying out of extremist activity.

### ***List of Prisoners***

#### **Oryol Region Oryol**

Dennis CHRISTENSEN (18-Dec-72)

25-May-17

Article 282.2(1)

Pre-trial detention: 26-May-18 / 1-Aug-18

#### **Republic of Tatarstan Naberezhniye Chelny**

Ilkham Shamilevich Karimov (9-Feb-81)

27-Mar-18

Article 282.2(1)

Pre-trial detention: 29-May-18/ 25-Jul-18

Vladimir Nikolayevich Myakushin (6-Nov-87)

27-Mar-18

Article 282.2(1), (1.1) and (2)

Pre-trial detention: 29-May-18/ 25-Jul-18

Konstantin Matrashov (1983)

27-Mar-18

Article 282.2(1), (1.1) and (2)

Pre-trial detention: 29-May-18/ 25-Jul-18

Aydar Maratovich Yulmetyev (Aug-93)

27-Mar-18

Article 282.2(1), (1.1) and (2)

Pre-trial detention: 31-May-18/ 25-Jul-18

#### **Republic of Bashkortostan Ufa**

Anatoliy Sergeyevich Vilitevich (15-Sep-86)

10-Apr-18

Article 282.2(2)

Pre-trial detention: 12-Apr-18/ 2-Jul-18

#### **Murmansk Region Polyarny**

Roman Nikolayevich Markin (18-Mar-74)  
18-Apr-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 23-Apr-18/ 11-Jun-18

Viktor Fedorovich Trofimov (26-Mar-57)  
18-Apr-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 23-Apr-18/ 12-Jun-18

**Vladivostok Region Vladivostok**

Valentin Pavlovich Osadchuk (15-Mar-78)  
19-Apr-18  
Article 282.2(2)  
Pre-trial detention: 23-Apr-18/ 20-Jun-18

**Orenburg Region Orenburg**

Aleksandr Gennadyevich Suvorov (20-Apr-80)  
16-May-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 19-May-18/ 14-Jul-18

Vladimir Yuryevich Kochnev (15-Oct-79)  
16-May-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 19-May-18/ 14-Jul-18

**Magadan Region Magadan**

Konstantin Nikolayevich Petrov (9-Aug-86)  
30-May-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 01-Jun-18/ 29-Jul-18

Ivan Grigoryevich Puyda (C.O.)(5-Nov-78)  
30-May-18  
Article 282.2(1)  
Pre-trial detention: 01-Jun-18 30/-Jul-18

Yevgeniy Anatolyevich Zyablov (9-Mar-77)

30-May-18

Article 282.2(1)

Pre-trial detention: 01-Jun-18/ 29-Jul-18

Sergey Liviyevich Yerkin (23-Jun-53)

30-May-18

Article 282.2(1)

Pre-trial detention: 01-Jun-18/ 29-Jul-18

**Tomsk Region Tomsk**

Sergey Gennadyevich Klimov (C.O.) (26-Mar-70)

3-Jun-18

Article 282.2(1)

Pre-trial detention 05-Jun-18 04-Aug-18