

RUSSIA: Large fine on appeal instead of 26 months of forced labor for JW Valeriy Moskalenko



Photo: Valeriy Moskalenko

HRWF with JW in Russia (05.11.2019) – <https://www.jw-russia.org/en/news/19110510-1319.html> – On November 5, 2019, Khabarovsk Regional Court commuted the sentence against Valeriy Moskalenko, replacing forced labor with a fine of 500 thousand rubles—for reading an excerpt from the Sermon on the Mount of Christ. Given 396 days he already spent in jail, the court released him from payment of this fine. In contrast, the prosecution earlier had requested three years in prison for him.

Read full text in Russian at <https://www.jw-russia.org/news/19110510-1319.html>

Case of Moskalenko in Khabarovsk

Region:

Khabarovsk Territory

Locality:

Khabarovsk

Case number:

11807080001000036

Current stage:

Trial in appellate court

Suspected of:

According to the investigation, together with others he conducted religious services, which is interpreted as "organising the activity of an extremist organisation" (with reference to the decision of the Russian Supreme Court on the liquidation of all 396 registered organisations of Jehovah's Witnesses)

Article of the Russian Criminal Code:

282.2 (2)

Investigating:

Investigative Department of the Directorate of the FSB of Russia for the Khabarovsk Territory

Case initiated:

1 August 2018