SERGEI GURGUROV MOLDOVA

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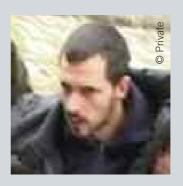
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PLEASE HELP SERGEI GURGUROV

Sergei Gurgurov has been left disabled by the reported torture and ill-treatment he received in police detention in late 2005. His speech is impaired due to head injuries and his spinal injuries have left him unable to walk without a cane. His eardrums are damaged and he has total loss of hearing in one ear. He is suffering from depression.

Sergei Gurgurov was arrested in Chişinău, Moldova, on 25 October 2005 on suspicion of stealing a mobile phone. He said that police officers tortured him to force him to confess to further mobile phone thefts. He did not see a lawyer until 3 November, when he was taken to court to appear before the investigation judge. He was unable to walk unaided into court and had to be dragged by two policemen. He was also unable to move his fingers and had difficulty talking. At the hearing the judge ordered his release on bail but Sergei Gurgurov was taken back to detention by police officers with the excuse that

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some paperwork needed to be completed. He did not receive the specialist neurological care that he needed until after 9 December 2005, when he was released on bail.

On 4 November 2005, his lawyer submitted a complaint about the ill-treatment to the Prosecutor General's Office and an investigation was started, but very little action was taken. But on 4 August 2008 the Prosecutor General's Office stated that Sergei Gurgurov has feigned the whole case and that he had not been tortured, and therefore, a criminal investigation would not be opened.

The charge against him is still in force, and he is awaiting trial. The police officers who tortured him are still at work and they have reportedly threatened the relatives with whom Sergei Gurgurov was staying, with the result that he has been asked to move.

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ACT NOW

1. WRITE TO THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL

- Call for an immediate and impartial investigation into the allegations that Sergei Gurgurov was tortured and ill-treated in custody.
- Call for the suspected perpetrators to be suspended from duty while investigations are proceeding and for those found responsible to be brought to justice.
- Call for Sergei Gurgurov to receive full reparation and compensation for any injuries sustained while in police detention.

Prosecutor General of the Republic of Moldova Valeriu Gurbulea 26, Mitropolit Banulesku-Bodoni Str., MD-2005, Chişinău, Moldova

Salutation: Dear Prosecutor General

2. WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO SERGEI, IN MOLDOVAN/ROMANIAN, RUSSIAN OR YOUR OWN LANGUAGE

We suggest the following message for your cards:

- I am thinking of you/ we are thinking of you: Eu ma gîndesc la tine / Noi ne gîndim la tine
- With best wishes from me/ with best wishes from us: Sincere urari din partea mea / Sincere urari din partea noastra

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