

URGENT ACTION

MAN RELEASED FROM PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTION

Konstantin Zadoya was released on 3 August from a psychiatric hospital in Novosibirsk, western Siberia. He had been detained there since 7 July and forcibly treated on the basis of a court decision that violated his right to a fair trial. His release happened after the hospital received dozens of letters from activists.

Konstantin Zadoya, a 20-year-old medical student, was released from a psychiatric hospital in Novosibirsk, western Siberia, on 3 August. He had been forcibly taken to the psychiatric hospital on 7 July, following an argument with his father, and given psychiatric treatment without his consent. Konstantin Zadoya was detained for four days in violation of Russian legislation, which stipulates that nobody can be detained for more than 48 hours without a judge's decision. The court decision was taken on 11 July in a hearing that violated his right to a fair trial.

Konstantin Zadoya spent his first week in the intensive ward of the hospital where, according to his lawyer, he was tied to his bed and administered drugs against his will.

After an Urgent Action was issued on 19 July, the hospital started receiving letters from activists from around the world and the Chief Doctor contacted Konstantin Zadoya's mother and accused her of trying to create a "political scandal".

Konstantin Zadoya was released from the hospital on 3 August after he signed a statement saying that he had voluntarily agreed to be hospitalized and that he would withdraw his appeal to the court decision. Once released from hospital, Konstantin Zadoya resubmitted his appeal. He is going to continue appealing his unlawful detention in the psychiatric hospital.

Konstantin Zadoya's lawyer told Amnesty International that the Urgent Action protected Kostantin Zadoya's health. She also said: "I am horrified at the idea of what could have happened to him if it had not been for your action".

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is requested from the UA network.

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