

PUBLIC

AI Index: EUR 46/18/98

17 July 1998

Further information on UA 102/98 (EUR 46/07/98, 2 April 1998) - Prisoner of Conscience

RUSSIAN FEDERATION Vitaliy Vladimirovich Gushchin

Vitaliy Gushchin, a 22-year-old Jehovah's Witness from Kurchatovo, Kursk Region, has reportedly been released from prison while his case is subject to further investigation. He is not allowed to leave Kurchatovo while the investigation goes on.

Although the criminal charges against Vitaliy Gushchin for refusing to carry out military service have not been dropped and the threat of imprisonment thus still stands, no further action is required from the Urgent Action network on this case at present. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.