

# UPDATES

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## **June 1, 2020 [Day 291] (Trial was postponed until June 30th and July 2nd, 5th postponement!)**

The trial hearing set for June 2nd has been postponed again. Prisoners are still not being allowed to leave the jails and return because they might expose the prison population to the virus. The new tentative date of Tuesday, June 30th and July 2nd, 2020 has been scheduled for the next trial date. The Embassy still has not been able to communicate with Trevor nor have they received any medical information from the jail.

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## **May 25, 2020 [Day 284] (Trial was postponed until June 2nd, 4th postponement!)**

The trial hearing set for May 26th has been postponed again. Prisoners are still not being allowed to leave the jails and return because they might expose the prison population to the virus. The new tentative date of Tuesday, June 2nd, 2020 has been scheduled for the next trial date. The Embassy still has not been able to communicate with Trevor nor have they received any medical information from the jail.

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## **May 13, 2020 [Day 271] (Trial was postponed until May 26, 3rd postponement!)**

The government has ordered the courts to resume regular cases. However, Prisoners are not allowed to leave the jails and return because they might expose the prison population to the virus. In Trevor's court, either the courtroom is not able to utilize video conferencing with the jail, or the defendant must be present in person for criminal trials, or both. We are unsure of the exact reason for the postponement at this time. We are also unsure if prisoners will be released from jail for courts by May 26. Even though the civilian lockdown in Moscow is beginning to open, there may still be concerns about infections inside the crowded prisons and jails.

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## **April 22, 2020 [Day 251] (Appeal Hearing related to Bail, Moscow City Court)**

Today was Trevor's sixth bail appeal hearing in the past seven months. (See the "Denied Bail/Supreme Court" heading for past details). Today in court, Trevor's father was questioned by the defense and the judge. The prosecutor had no questions for the father. The defense identified several sections of the 450+ page case file for the judge to read in court. Then, the defense attorneys argued numerous points including the opinions of the Supreme Court and the Court of Cassation that opposed Trevor's bail

being withdrawn. They made arguments for approximately 45 minutes. The prosecutor, who we had not seen before and was probably unfamiliar with the case, argued her points for just under two minutes. Trevor was then asked if he had any statements and he brought direct examples of why the prosecutor's arguments should be invalid including quoting the decision of the Supreme Court related to registration. The judge deliberated for approximately 10-15 minutes and ruled that Trevor should remain in jail and not be granted bail or house arrest. Tomorrow, we will post the specific arguments raised by both sides and the judge's comments related to the ruling.

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**April 20, 2020 [Day 249] (Appeal court was postponed until April 22)**

The defense interpreter was not allowed to be present in court today. Then the court appointed interpreter was not able to perform, so the hearing had to be rescheduled for Wednesday, April 22).

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**April 17, 2020 (We received notification that Trevor's next appeal hearing for Bail will be held on Monday, April 20th, in Moscow City Court)**

This is the continuation of the appeal process that has already been to the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation and the 2nd Court of Cassation of General Jurisdiction.

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**April 15, 2020 (Trial Postponed until May 13, 2020)**

The trial has been postponed until May 13, 2020. It is our understanding that some courts will begin hearing cases again in April, but this is not confirmed. There has been no news about the next appeals court date for the ongoing argument regarding the method of detention (Bail or Home Arrest). Even though a Moscow City Court granted bail, the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation determined that bail was withdrawn in violation of the law, and the 2nd Court of Cassation of General Jurisdiction agreed with the Supreme Court findings, Trevor is still being held in jail pending yet another appeal hearing at the Moscow City Court where the original bail was granted seven months ago.

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**March 27, 2020 (Trevor Denied Sanitary Aids for Pandemic)**

Trevor's father delivered food to SIZO-5 for Trevor. His father attempted to deliver hand sanitizer and antibacterial hand wipes along with other supplies. The antibacterial products were rejected at the main transfer window and also later in the day by medical staff. The jail had already stopped visitations with prisoners on about March 17-18 due to Coronavirus restrictions, but as of March 27, was still accepting food, clothing, and medications.

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**March 25, 2020**

Trevor had a syncopal episode on March 25th sometime after his appeal hearing with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Court of Cassation. He was unconscious briefly. Medical staff told him that his blood pressure was in the neighborhood of 80/50 and his pulse rate was around 50. These are not his normal vital signs. He notified his attorneys via video during an appeal hearing held the following day, March 26th. On March 27th, the U.S. Embassy submitted an official "Urgent" request for medical information related to Trevor's condition. As of June 1st, the Embassy has not received this information.

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