

(Translated from Russian)

Information in connection with the joint urgent request of Mr. Dulitzky, the Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances of the United Nations Human Rights Council and of Ms. Pinto, the Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers, regarding

According to information supplied by the National Security Service (SBU), on 18 June 2014 the investigative department of the SBU in Odesa province, acting on the basis of a report of the southern territorial unit of the State Border Service, opened pretrial proceedings in criminal investigation No. [REDACTED] into an offence under article 110, paragraph 2, of the Criminal Code and on [REDACTED] it served notice that [REDACTED], a citizen of the Russian Federation, born on [REDACTED], was suspected of having committed the above-mentioned offence.

On 6 March 2015 the Ovidiopol regional court of Odesa province found [REDACTED] guilty of the crime under article 110, paragraph 2, of the Criminal Code and he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 3 years and 3 months. In accordance with articles 75 and 76 of the Criminal Code, the Court availed itself of the possibility of releasing [REDACTED] on probation, provided that he did not reoffend during a two-year period, but required him not to leave Ukraine for his place of his permanent residence without the permission of the criminal sentence enforcement inspectorate. On that same date, [REDACTED] was released from custody in the court room.

The SBU has no information regarding the fate of this foreign citizen thereafter.

According to information supplied by the Procurator's Office of Odesa province, on order to ascertain the circumstances of the disappearance of [REDACTED], on 20 May the investigative department of the SBU of Odesa Province entered, in the unified register of pretrial investigations, procedure No. [REDACTED] into the offence under article 146, paragraph 2 of the Criminal Code, which on [REDACTED], in accordance with article 216 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was referred to the investigative department of the Central Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Odesa province for the purpose of conducting pretrial investigations.

In the course of the pretrial investigations, investigators are checking information that on [REDACTED] unidentified persons, acting by conspiracy and using physical violence, kidnapped the citizen of the Russian Federation, [REDACTED], as he was walking past [REDACTED] Street, Ovidiopol, in Odesa province, between the administrative buildings of the Ovidiopol regional court and the regional office of the Central Administration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Odesa province, put him in a [REDACTED] van and then made off in an unknown direction.

Criminal investigations are continuing at the moment. Among other things, a check will be made of information regarding the possibility that terrorist organizations of the "Donetsk People's Republic" and "Luhansk People's Republic" have handed over [REDACTED] to the SBU in Kharkiv with a view to his transfer within the framework of the exchange procedure in accordance with the Minsk Protocol.