

# URGENT ACTION

## PERFORMANCE ARTIST RELEASED FROM PRISON

**Russian performance artist Pyotr Pavlensky was released from prison on 8 June after almost seven months in custody. Pyotr Pavlensky was arrested on 9 November when he set fire to the wooden doors of the headquarters of the Federal Security Service in the capital Moscow.**

The Meschansky District Court in Moscow found **Pyotr Pavlensky** guilty of “destruction of cultural heritage sites” on 8 June for setting fire to the main doors of the headquarters of the Federal Security Service (FSB) on 9 November 2015.

Pyotr Pavlensky was ordered to pay a fine of 500,000 roubles (approximately US\$ 7,800) and immediately released from custody after being sentenced on 8 June. He was also ordered to pay an additional 481,461 roubles (approximately US\$ 7,500) to the FSB for restoration of the door.

Following his arrest on 9 November 2015, Pyotr Pavlensky was put in detention in the Serbsky State Scientific Centre for Social and Forensic Psychiatry between 26 January and 22 February 2016 for a psychiatric examination. During that period he was denied access to the outside world. On 22 February he was moved from the psychiatric hospital to the Butyrka pre-trial detention centre in Moscow, where he was detained until his release in June.

**No further action from the UA network is needed. Many thanks to those who sent appeals.**

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