

# ECtHR Communicated the Case of Police Officer Alexandru Ursu

Recently, the European Court of Human Rights communicated to the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of the Russian Federation the case of Alexandru URSU (Case File No 25197/11).

Alexandru Ursu is a former district police officer and lieutenant at Hagimus police station of Causeni DPS, who was detained since July 2009 – November 2012 in the prison of Hlinaia village, Transnistrian region. He was kidnapped on 21 July 2009 by the representatives of Tiraspol militia men and accused of forgery in documents and fraud when purchasing an immovable property on the left bank of the Nistru River. In a period less than a year – from July 2009 to May 2010, he was indicted on five counts, took part to such called lawsuits, and on 19 May 2010 he was “*sentenced*” to 15 years of imprisonment by the Bender “*Court of law*”.

The case came into the sight of constitutional bodies only at the end of 2010, when, upon the relatives’ request, the Promo-LEX Association’s layers sent a notification to the Ministry of Internal Affairs informing that a police representative was kidnapped and “*sentenced*”. For more details please click [here](#).

“The arrest and detention of the police officer Ursu Alexandru must be qualified as an intimidating and persecuting action against the national police officers who work in the security area. Building of the criminal case and subsequent sentencing aimed at denigrating constitutional authorities that try to perform their duties in the security area. It is a clear evidence of the fact that nobody can feel safe in the Transnistrian region”, *Alexandru Postica, Director of Human*

*Rights Program, declared.*

In his Application submitted to the European Court of Human Rights, Alexandru Ursu complained under Article 3 of the Convention (torture and inhuman and degrading treatment used during detention period). In addition, the Applicant invoked the violation of the Article 5(1) of ECHR (right to liberty and safety), Article 6(1) (right to a fair trial) and Article 13 of the Convention (right to an effective remedy).

The Applicant is represented before the High Court by lawyers and attorneys of Promo-LEX Association.

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