

Lithuanian Convicted of Espionage in Russia Asks to Serve Sentence in Homeland

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The Lithuanian citizen sentenced by a Russian court to 12 years in prison on espionage charges, has filed a petition to serve his sentence in his home country, the Interfax news agency reported Friday.

The Lithuanian Justice Ministry received a request from the man and asked the Russian side to transfer him to Lithuania "for the remainder of the sentence," ministry spokesman Audris Kutrevicius said.

Aristidas Tamosaitis was detained on suspicion of espionage by the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) in May 2015. He later admitted he was a Lithuanian military intelligence officer and in March this year was given a 12-year sentence by the court.

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