Russian Prison Guard Sentenced for Failing to Report Beating Death

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A prison guard in Russia's Far East has received a 2.5 year suspended sentence for failing to report the 2016 beating death of an inmate.

Prison violence has become a hotly debated issue in Russia after a graphic video of several guards beating a prisoner surfaced this month. Russia has since promised the UN that it would prosecute perpetrators of torture in prison and announced plans to launch a nationwide inspection of correctional facilities.

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A former guard in the Jewish autonomous region was found guilty of negligence leading to death, the region's prosecutor's office [said](#) in an online statement Monday.

The unnamed guard witnessed two convicts attacking a third prisoner to death in April 2016, the prosecutor's office said.

"The defendant didn't report the incident to leadership… and didn't take measures to ensure his personal safety. As a result, the two other convicts killed the victim," the prosecutors said.