

# Russia Charges 6 After Leaks of Prison Rape Videos

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Russian investigators said Thursday that six people, including two officials, had been charged over the rape and torture of prisoners in a case that drew widespread condemnation from rights groups.

A prisoner advocacy group last year published harrowing footage of sexual abuse at a jail in the central city of Saratov. It was leaked by former inmate Sergei Savelyev, who fled Russia and requested asylum in France.

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In an interview published Thursday, the head of the Investigative Committee, which handles serious crimes, said six people were facing legal action.

