

## **Sergei Magnitsky died of badly treated illness; no evidence he was beaten By Lucy Komisar**

William Browder has developed fanciful lies about Russian prison guards beating Sergei Magnitsky to death. He provides no evidence because there isn't any. In fact, the only legitimate reports says Magnitsky died of badly treated illness. Let's go through the evidence.

Browder has declared, "They chained him to a bed and eight riot guards with rubber batons beat him to death." Evidence? No, a Browder fabrication.

There were two important independent reports about Magnitsky in prison and death, one by the Russian Public Oversight Commission for Human Rights Observance, an NGO charged with investigating prison conditions, and the other by Physicians for Human Rights in Cambridge, Mass, to which Browder had given documents, including the POC report. Neither claims Magnitsky was tortured or beaten or even physically abused.

The [Public Oversight Commission](#) report November 16, 2009, the death of Magnitsky's death said: 6:30 p.m. Review by the doctor on duty. Diagnosis: Acute Cholecystitis and Pancreatitis. Hospitalized to the surgery department. For dynamic monitoring and treatment. 7:00 p.m. The patient behaves inadequately. Talks to a "voice," looks disorientated, and shouts that someone wants to kill him. He condition is diagnosed as psychosis. The emergency doctor was called (order No. 904253). There are no body damages apart from traces of handcuffs on the wrists. It was planned to make an anti-spasm therapy prior to the arrival of the psychiatrist but such therapy was not possible due to the aggressive behavior of the patient.

9:15 p.m. The patient was surveyed again as his condition deteriorated. When the psychiatrist was examining the patient the latter's condition deteriorated sharply. He lost conscience. The reanimation procedure was started (indirect heart massage and ventilation of lungs using the Ambu pillow). The patient was transferred to the special room where he was received an artificial ventilation of lungs and a hormones injection. Reanimation procedure lasted 30 minutes. At 9:50pm the patient died. The [report](#).

The Physicians for Human Rights, Cambridge, Mass. also made no claims of beating. The [report](#). The death stories were invented by Browder with zero evidence.

*Yes, conditions were pretty bad. The building was over 100 years old and obviously had problems. Browder claimed that the toilet in the cell overflowed, doesn't mention the inmates were moved to other cells.*

Perhaps of some relevance, I read in the [NY Times](#) that the U.S. is closing part of its Guantánamo facility that still holds 40 people for decades accused and never tried for acts of Islamic terrorism. It said: "The plan to consolidate the prisoners was devised during the Trump administration, when their [former compound, Camp 7, was failing](#). Raw sewage sloshed through the tiers, the power sometimes went out and some cell doors would not close at the site." So, sewage can be a problem in even newer prisons.