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Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2004-05380	Ethnic Group	Han?
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	rel/spch	Age At Detention	65
Main Name	Su Zhimin	Religion	Catholic (unreg. church)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	苏志民	Occupation	bishop
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	
Additional Name(s)	James Su Zhimin	Residence Province	Hebei Province
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Baoding Shi (pref.)
		Residence County	Qingyuan Cty.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	1997/10/08
Current Prison	Hebei (general location)
Sentence Length (Years)	
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Hebei Province
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	(na)

Legal Process

Legal Process	PSB?	Formal Arrest Date	
Trial Court		Trial Date	
Sentence Court		Sentence Date	
Appeal Court		Appeal Date	
Appeal Ruling Court		Appeal Ruling Date	
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to the Cardinal Kung Foundation, James Su Zhimin was arrested in March 1996 while, with Francis An Shuxin, he led a procession of Catholics to a Marian shrine near the village of Donglu in Hebei. The bishop (unregistered) of Baoding, Hebei, Su escaped the following month, went into hiding, and wrote an open protest letter to the National People's Congress. He was captured on October 8, 1997. Though Su has been the object of frequent American and international inquiry, the Chinese government has provided no information about him, and indeed claims that it has not taken any "coercive measures" against him. On November 15, 2003, the then 71-year-old Su was sighted at a hospital in Baoding, where, under heavy guard, he was undergoing an eye operation and treatment for a heart ailment. Since then he has disappeared again. His case has been connected with that of An Shuxin, his auxiliary bishop.