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Personal Details

CECC Record Number	2005-00199	Ethnic Group	Han
Detention Status	DET/bail	Sex	M
Issue Category	civil/assoc/rol/spch	Age At Detention	36
Main Name	Xu Zhiyong	Religion	
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	许志永	Occupation	professor, law; PC deputy
		Affiliation	Open Constitution Initiative (OCI, Gongmeng)
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Residence Province	Beijing Shi (prov.)
Additional Name(s)		Residence Prefecture	(na)
Pinyin Name		Residence County	(na)

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2009/07/29
Current Prison	Beijing No. 1 PSB Det. Ctr.
Sentence Length (Years)	
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	3
Sentence Length (Days)	5
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Beijing Shi (prov.)
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Beijing Shi Muni. Urb. Area (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Beijing Shi Muni. Urb. Area (cty.)

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg	Formal Arrest Date	2009/08/13
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	2009/08/23
Charge (Statute)			

Short Summary

According to Chinese Human Rights Defenders (CHRD) and the China Human Rights Lawyers Concern Group (CHRLCG), seven domestic security protection officers from the Beijing Public Security Bureau (PSB) took legal scholar and co-founder of Open Constitution Initiative (OCI) Xu Zhiyong into custody on July 29, 2009. On August 13, while Xu in custody at the Beijing No. 1 Detention Center, he was arrested for tax evasion. On August 14, Xu had his first meeting with lawyers Zhou Ze and Li Fangping. Xu's detention came shortly after authorities forced the closure of OCI (Gongmeng), a legal research and assistance organization that promoted rule of law and human rights, purportedly for alleged tax problems. On July 17, the Beijing Bureau of Civil Affairs raided the OCI office and declared it an "illegal" organization. Police have also taken OCI's chief financial officer, Zhuang Lu, into custody. Xu was released on bail on August 23, 2009.