

# Russia open to talks over jailed reporter

Russia says it is holding the door open for contacts with the U.S. regarding a possible prisoner exchange that could potentially involve jailed Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich

**U.S. CITIZENS IMPRISONED IN RUSSIA** *(as of July 5, 2023)*

**Evan Gershkovich**

**Mar 29, 2023**  
Wall Street Journal reporter detained during reporting trip to central Russian city of Yekaterinburg



**Allegations:** Currently being held on espionage charges at Moscow's Lefortovo prison, notorious for its harsh conditions

**Paul Whelan**

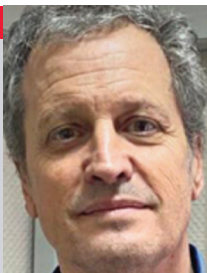
**Dec 2018**  
Former U.S. Marine arrested by Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) agents in room in Moscow's Metropol Hotel



**Allegations:** Accused of spying for military intelligence. Serving 16-year sentence in IK-17 penal colony in Moldovia, east of Moscow

**Marc Fogel**

**Aug 2021**  
U.S. teacher arrested at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport for having medical marijuana in his luggage



**Allegations:** Convicted in Jun 2022 of drug trafficking charges and jailed for 14 years. Serving sentence in high-security penal colony

**Jimmy Wilgus**

**Nov 2016**  
Musician from New Jersey working in Russia on movie soundtrack when he was detained by police in Moscow



**Allegations:** Reportedly coerced into signing false confession to charges of indecent exposure. Sentenced to 12.5 years in IK-17 penal colony