### How Russian Police Enforce New Laws: From Crime to Courtroom

In recent years, Russia has implemented a number of new laws that have significantly expanded the powers of the police. These laws have been met with widespread criticism from human rights groups, who argue that they violate civil liberties and give the police too much power.



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In this article, we will take a closer look at how Russian police enforce these new laws, from the moment a crime is reported to the final disposition of the case in court. We will also examine the impact of these laws on the Russian people and the justice system.

#### **Crime Reporting**

When a crime is reported to the police in Russia, the first step is for the police to conduct an investigation. This investigation may include interviewing witnesses, collecting evidence, and conducting searches. The

police have the authority to detain suspects for up to 48 hours without charge.

If the police believe that there is sufficient evidence to support a charge, they will submit a report to the prosecutor's office. The prosecutor's office will then decide whether or not to file charges against the suspect.

#### **Detention and Interrogation**

If charges are filed, the suspect will be detained and interrogated by the police. The police have the authority to use force during interrogation, and they may also use psychological pressure to obtain a confession.

Suspects have the right to an attorney, but they may not be able to afford one. In many cases, suspects are interrogated without an attorney present.

#### Trial

If the prosecutor's office decides to file charges, the case will go to trial. Trials in Russia are typically held in closed court, and the public is not allowed to attend.

The defendant has the right to a fair trial, but in practice, the Russian justice system is often biased against the accused. Defendants are often convicted on the basis of confessions obtained under duress, and the courts often refuse to hear evidence that is favorable to the defense.

#### **Sentencing**

If the defendant is convicted, the court will impose a sentence. The sentence may include imprisonment, fines, or other penalties.

Sentences in Russia are often harsh, and many defendants are sentenced to long prison terms. In addition, the Russian prison system is known for its

brutality and corruption.

**Impact of New Laws** 

The new laws that have been implemented in Russia in recent years have

had a significant impact on the Russian people and the justice system.

For the Russian people, the new laws have made it more difficult to

exercise their civil liberties. The police have been given more power to

detain and interrogate suspects, and the courts are less likely to hear

evidence that is favorable to the defense.

For the justice system, the new laws have undermined the rule of law. The

police are now able to operate with impunity, and the courts are less likely

to hold them accountable for their actions.

The new laws that have been implemented in Russia in recent years have

had a negative impact on the Russian people and the justice system. The

laws have made it more difficult for people to exercise their civil liberties,

and they have undermined the rule of law.

It is unclear what the future holds for the Russian justice system. However,

it is clear that the new laws have made it more difficult for people to get a

fair trial and for the guilty to be punished.

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