



Personal Details



CECC Record Number	2005-00199	Ethnic Group	Han
Detention Status	DET	Sex	M
Issue Category	civil/assoc/rol/spch	Age At Detention	40
Main Name	Xu Zhiyong	Religion	Protestant (unspec.)
Chinese Characters (Main Name)	许志永	Occupation	professor, law
Alternate Name (Lay or Pen)		Affiliation	Beijing University of Posts and Telecom.
Additional Name(s)		Residence Province	Beijing Shi (prov.)
Pinyin Name		Residence Prefecture	Beijing Shi Muni. Urb. Area (pref.)
		Residence County	Haidian Dist.

Imprisonment or Detention Details

Date of Detention	2013/07/16
Current Prison	Liulin Prison
Sentence Length (Years)	4
Sentence Length (Months)	
Sentence Length (Weeks)	
Sentence Length (Days)	
Province Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tianjin Shi (prov.)
Prefecture Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Tianjin Shi Cty. (pref.)
County Where Imprisoned (or Detained)	Ninghe Cty.

Legal Process

Legal Process	chg/tri-close/sent-close-app	Formal Arrest Date	2013/08/22
Trial Court	Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court	Trial Date	2014/01/22
Sentence Court	Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court	Sentence Date	2014/01/26
Appeal Court	Beijing High People's Court	Appeal Date	2014/02/03
Appeal Ruling Court	Beijing High People's Court	Appeal Ruling Date	2014/04/11
Sent. Ends Per PRC		Actual Date Released	
Charge (Statute)	CL97-art291		

Short Summary

On January 26, 2014, the Beijing No. 1 Intermediate People's Court announced [via Weibo](#) that it had sentenced Xu Zhiyong to 4 years' imprisonment for "gathering a crowd to disturb order in a public place" (CL, art. 291). Authorities had [confined](#) Xu, a leading rights advocate and proponent of the New Citizens' Movement, to his home in Beijing municipality for 3 months prior to criminally detaining him on July 16, and formally arresting him on August 22 (NYT, [17 July 13](#), [23 August 13](#)). In a December 13 indictment, authorities alleged Xu was a "ringleader" of incidents that took place in 2012 and 2013 during which individuals called for education equality and government transparency (China Change, [21 December 13](#)). Xu formally appealed the verdict on February 3, 2014 (China Change, [8 February 14](#)). On April 11, 2014, the Beijing Municipal High People's Court rejected Xu's appeal and upheld the original sentence (NYT, [11 April 14](#)). Authorities reportedly transferred Xu to Liulin Prison, located in Tianjin municipality (Hu Jia, Twitter, [2 December 14](#)). Xu is a former law lecturer and founded the legal aid NGO, Open Constitution Initiative (China Change, [10 April 14](#)).