

Russian Investigators to Question Browder on Magnitsky Killing

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William Browder

Russia's Investigative Committee intends to question British-American investor William Browder about the murder of whistleblower Sergei Magnitsky, the Committee's website reported Thursday.

Speculation on the involvement of William "Bill" Browder — an outspoken Putin critic — was brought to the Committee's attention by former Russian Interior Ministry investigator, Pavel Karpov.

In a letter to the Investigative Committee, Karpov suggested that Browder, Magnitsky's employer at the company Hermitage Capital, may have been involved in his death. He also speculated on the involvement of MI6 agents.

Magnitsky died in 2009 under suspicious circumstances while in police custody. He allegedly had just uncovered a tax fraud involving several Russian officials.

On Dec. 14, 2012, the U.S. introduced the Magnitsky Act, which banned certain Russians involved in human rights violations from entering the U.S. The list currently includes 39 individuals, RIA Novosti reported.

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