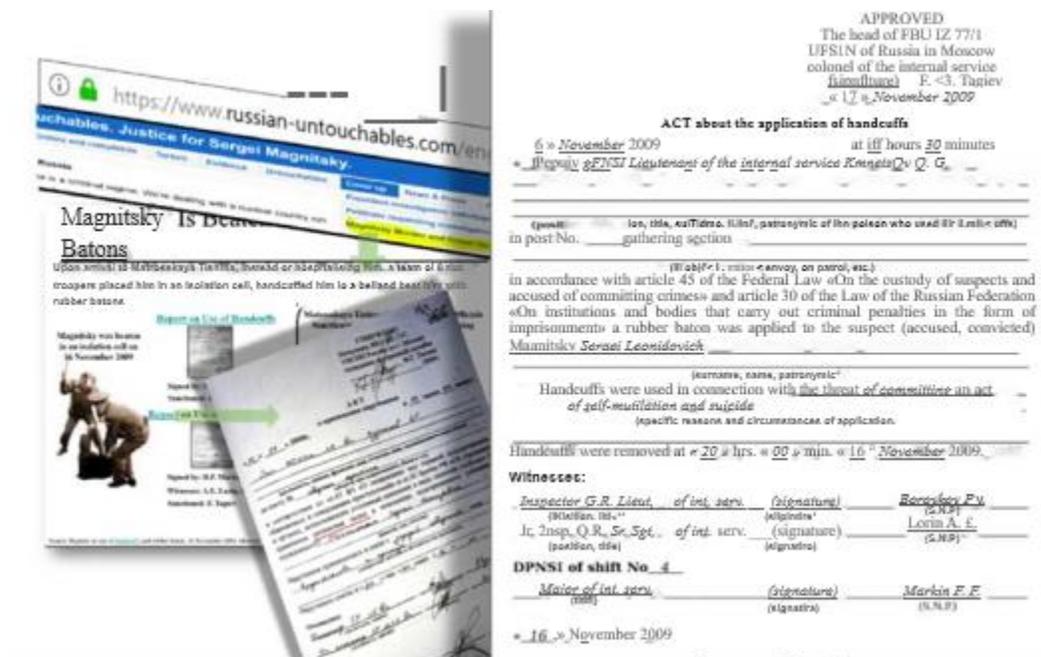


To promote the beating story, Browder forged documents that a baton “had been used.”

A comparison by analyst Michael Thau of documents Browder posted on his website show Browder’s forgeries. A genuine document gives permission for use of handcuffs with the handwritten words “special means were” applied. This conforms with the POC report that handcuffs were used during a half hour when Magnitsky seemed psychotic. The header is “Report about the application of handcuffs.”

The second document Browder posts changes those handwritten words to “a rubber baton was” applied, but changes nothing else in the text and keeps the form header “Report about the application of handcuffs.” Other handwritten words appear traced. The Russian prison system does not have a pre-printed form for the use of batons.

Evidence that D310.pdf linked to on Russian-Untouchables website to show Sergei Magnitsky was beaten with batons is a forgery.



On page 18 of a [document](#) titled, *Magnitsky Murder & Cover-Up Report* linked to on Bill Browder's *Russian-Untouchables* [website](#), he repeats his story that Sergei Magnitsky was beaten to death by eight riot guards armed with rubber batons and, for corroboration, links to two untranslated Russian documents:

1. [D309.pdf](#), which he calls *Report on Use of Handcuffs*. and
2. [D310.pdf](#), which he calls *Report on Use of Rubber Baton*.
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The image shows a screenshot of a website page with the URL <https://www.russian-untouchables.com/eng/>. The page title is "Magnitsky Murder and Cover-Up Report". The main heading is "Magnitsky Is Beaten With Rubber Batons". Below the heading, the text reads: "Upon arrival to Matrosskaya Tishina, instead of hospitalising him, a team of 8 riot troopers placed him in an isolation cell, handcuffed him to a bed and beat him with rubber batons". There are two red callout boxes on the left: "LINK TO D309" with an arrow pointing to a link "Report on Use of Handcuffs" which is circled in red; and "LINK TO D310" with an arrow pointing to a link "Report on Use of Rubber Baton" which is also circled in red. To the right, there is a list titled "Matrosskaya Tishina Detention Centre Officials Sanctioning, Administering and Witnessing Magnitsky's Beating:" with 10 numbered items. At the bottom right, the page number "18" is visible.

However, D309 merely says that Magnitsky was placed in handcuffs out of concern that he would harm himself. And D310 repeats exactly the same thing but adds that they were removed after 30 minutes and that a single rubber baton was also used without saying how or who used it.

[Links to English translations of D309](#) and [D310](#).

And, apart from the strange and completely uninformative reference to a rubber baton in D310, this accords exactly with the Moscow Public Oversight Commission [Report](#), which mentions no baton but says that Magnitsky started to behave erratically and was handcuffed for thirty minutes out of concern that he would harm himself.

So, neither D309 or D310 comes anywhere close to confirming Browder's story that Magnitsky was beaten to death by eight rubber-baton-wielding riot guards. In fact, both explicitly say the opposite, namely, that he was restrained to stop him from causing harm to himself.

But, though D310 goes no way towards corroborating Browder's account, it does contain the Russian words for "a rubber baton." And that allowed Browder to falsely make it seem to those who don't read Russian but might nonetheless be capable of looking the meaning of a few words that D310 does support his story about Magnitsky's death.

The Russian words for “a rubber baton,” appearing on D310, however, make no sense given what the rest of it says. Moreover, there are other anomalies in D310 which indicate that it’s a forgery constructed from copying parts of D309 and other documents.

List of evidence that D310 is a forgery.

Each entry contains a link providing further details.

***First***, note that D309 and D310 have exactly the same title. The main blocks of text in D309 and D310 are also identically worded except that the phrase *special means were* in D309 is replaced by *a rubber baton was* in D310.

12/14/2019 Evidence that D310.pdf linked to on Russian-Untouchables website to show Sergei Magnitsky was beaten with batons is a forgery. : A ... But, while D309 is perfectly coherent, that single reference to a rubber baton in D310 [makes no sense at all given the title and the rest of what it says.](#)

*Second.* Both D310 and D309 refer to the same two Russian laws as governing the application of special means they are used to report. But, these laws do not allow a baton to be used on a prisoner to stop him from harming himself, though they do allow that handcuffs can be used in such cases. [So, the written explanation on D310 doesn't justify the use of the rubber baton it mentions.](#)

**Third.** The block of virtually identical text that both documents share ends with a comma and is missing a closing parenthesis. The sentence is completed on the next line in D309, but the [next line in D310 starts a new sentence](#), leaving the previous one a fragment. This makes it look like the text on D310 was hastily copied from D309 without the copier noticing its incompleteness....and leaves a line without any specification of what goes in it.

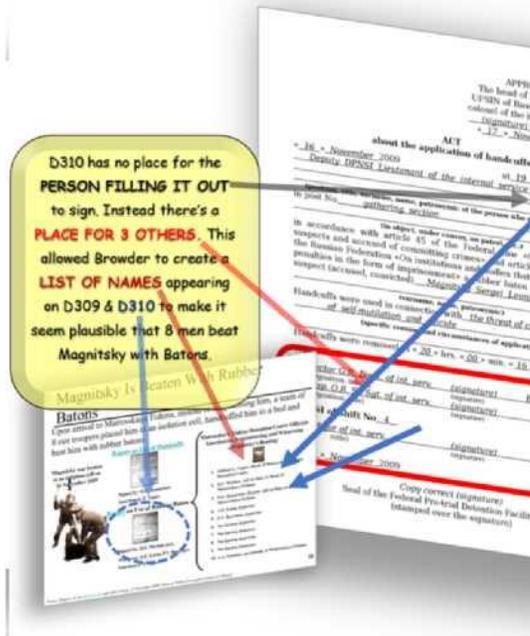
**Fourth.** Here's one of many examples of astonishingly similar handwritten text on D309 and D310, making it look like the latter was traced from the former.

*In fact:*

[Every single word](#) of the handwriting on D310 by the person who allegedly filled it out appears to be traced from D309.

**Fifth.** The initial hand-written part on both forms indicates that each was filled out by O. G. Kuznetsov. [Kuznetsov is a common name and this isn't the police officer Artem Kuznetsov whom Bill Browder accuses of stealing \$230 million from the Russian Treasury. However, Kuznetsov's signature only appears on D309. Indeed, though D310 contains lines for the signatures of three different [ [doesn't contain any place for the person who actually filled it out](#) to sign.

And, while it's impossible that a form without any space for the person filling it out to sign instead has a place for [the signatures of three other people, turned out to be very useful for Bill Browder](#) who used it on his Russia Untouchables website to make it appear that many men beat Magnitsky.



Sixth. [Colonel Tagiev's signature](#) correctly appears twice on D309. But D310 is missing one of his signatures. Furthermore, his signatures on D309 differ from the one appearing on D310.

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Then he forged a section of the coroner's report about bruises. The report

<https://www.thekomisarscoop.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Coroners-Report-No-2052-Russian-with-sketch-of-body-bw-fotos-wrists.pdf>

There are four occurrences of the word (illegible) in brackets in the English document on pages 5, 6, 9, and 16. Here are the translations:

English text Browder version:

Cadaveric rigidity is well expressed in the muscles of masticatory muscle system, in the neck muscles and the limbs. Cadaveric lividities are abundant, livid purple, diffused, located on the back surface of the neck, the body, upper and lower limbs (**illegible**) not found on the scalp. The bones of the facial skeleton, the nasal cartilages are unbroken to the touch. The eyes are closed.

However, every word is legible in the Russian document, including those in bold face Browder had marked illegible.

Correct translation by a Russian scholar, boldface was legible but deemed illegible in Browder version.

Cadaverous spots are abundant, bluish-purple, diffuse, located on the back of the neck, trunk, upper and lower extremities, **when pressed on them with a finger disappear and restore their original color after 8 minutes. Damages are** not found on scalp. The bones of the facial skeleton, the cartilages of the nose are intact. Eyes closed.

So, the spots were not bruises, and Browder's "illegibles" were forgeries to hide the truth of the report.

The fakery was brilliant. Who in the government or media would suspect Browder of such skullduggery? Who could challenge the basis of the Magnitsky Act?