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## A Spanish judge orders the search for three American sisters

### They reported an alleged violation

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**USPA NEWS** - A judge from Murcia (Southeast of Spain) has ordered the Spanish Police to locate three sisters from Ohio who reported being sexually assaulted in that city by three Afghans last New Year's Eve. The three sisters left Spain after filing the complaint and returned to the United States, while the alleged aggressors were arrested and subsequently released.

The purpose of the judge is to take a statement to the three sisters, 18, 20 and 23 years of age, and ask them if they ratify their complaint, a procedure that, according to Spanish legislation, is mandatory for the Court to initiate the investigation and, If they find evidence of the commission of a crime, open an oral trial. In case the complainants are not ratified, the complaint would be filed. The three American sisters left Spain disobeying the judge, although they will not be arrested because the magistrate offers the possibility to testify by videoconference.

According to the detectives, the statement at the police station of the three young women presents important contradictions. The three sisters reported having been attacked on the apartment where one of them lived and where one of the defendants, of Afghan origin, resided. However, several hours passed before they went to the police to report the alleged sexual assault. After the alleged attack, they partied with the three Afghans.

Subsequently it was learned that the three sisters had contracted insurance covering the assumption of sexual assault in an approximate amount of 50,000 euros (US \$ 55,156.25 at the current exchange rate). The Spanish Police believe that the purpose of the complaint was to collect that policy.

The lawyer of the three Afghans accused of the alleged violation, aged 20, 21 and 25, believes that the case will be filed and their defendants will be definitively free. The lawyer announced that he will file a complaint for false denunciation in the courts of Murcia. In Spain, false accusation is a crime punishable by the Criminal Code with up to two years in jail.

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