

### Spanish teenagers face jail time over cheating



Two young men in Almeria in southern Spain were caught attempting to cheat an entrance exam for vocational studies when one showed up to take the test pretending to be the other, Europa Press reported. The boys have been accused of committing the crime of falsifying public documents. The prosecution is seeking a sentence of one year in prison for each as well as a fine of €6 to be paid each day for 12 months.

One of the students' defense attorney argued that the proposed sentence is 39, saying that the exam should not be considered as an official document. "They have not harmed anyone and even though this conduct was reproachable, it does not create social alarm enough to have them sent to prison," attorney José Carlos Segura said. "That this case is going to trial is already unreasonable and I believe it could be solved with an administrative fine or an educational sanction," he added. "This kind of punishment threatens them with a loss of liberty and records them as criminals."

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