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The brother-in-law of King Philip VI must enter prison

Before Monday

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USPA NEWS - The brother-in-law of King Felipe VI and husband of the infanta Cristina de Borbon, the former international handball player Iñaki Urdangarin, must enter prison before Monday, after being sentenced by the Supreme Court to 5 years and 10 months in jail.

The Provincial Court of Palma, in the Balearic Islands, informed Urdangarin on Wednesday of the order to enter prison within a maximum period of five days. The order was communicated after learning that the Supreme Court rejected the appeal of Urdangarin and, although he lowered his sentence in five months, he was sentenced to 5 years and 10 months in prison for the crimes of prevarication in mediation with misuse of public funds, fraud, influence peddling and tax crime in relation to the Noos case.

The sentence considers proven that Urdangarin took advantage of his marriage with the daughter of King Juan Carlos I and sister of the current monarch, Philip VI, to obtain contracts with public administrations and companies, collect illegal commissions and defraud the Treasury. He was sentenced by the Provincial Court of Palma to six years and three months in prison, time reduced by the Supreme Court to not appreciate the crime of falsehood.

After receiving the order to enter prison, Urdangarin returned to Geneva, where he lives with his family. He can choose which jail he will enter, although not all are feasible: it must be a prison with few prisoners, not conflicting and with several entries to avoid media harassment. It is not ruled out that, after her admission, the Infanta Cristina moved her residence to Spain, even if that meant abandoning her two jobs in the foundations of La Caixa and the Aga Khan. The Infanta was acquitted of the position of cooperator necessary in the crimes committed by her husband, but must pay 136,950 Euros in civil liability for two crimes of her husband.

Along with Iñaki Urdangarin was sentenced his partner, Diego Torres, who must also enter prison before Monday to serve a count of 5 years and 8 months for the crimes of prevarication in medial bankruptcy, embezzlement and fraud. However, the Supreme Court exempts him from delusions of documentary falsification, influence peddling and money laundering.

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