



A Civil Guard officer from Moncloa has been sanctioned for getting drunk and pulling down his pants in front of police officers.

He has been suspended from work and pay for 20 days for "conduct seriously contrary to the dignity" of the armed institute.

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Moncloa Palace.



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National Police and Civil Guard officers are working at the **Moncloa Presidential Complex** : they guard the premises where the Prime Minister lives and works and where the Council of Ministers meets, and they also **escort the President** and his family. One of these officers has received disciplinary action.

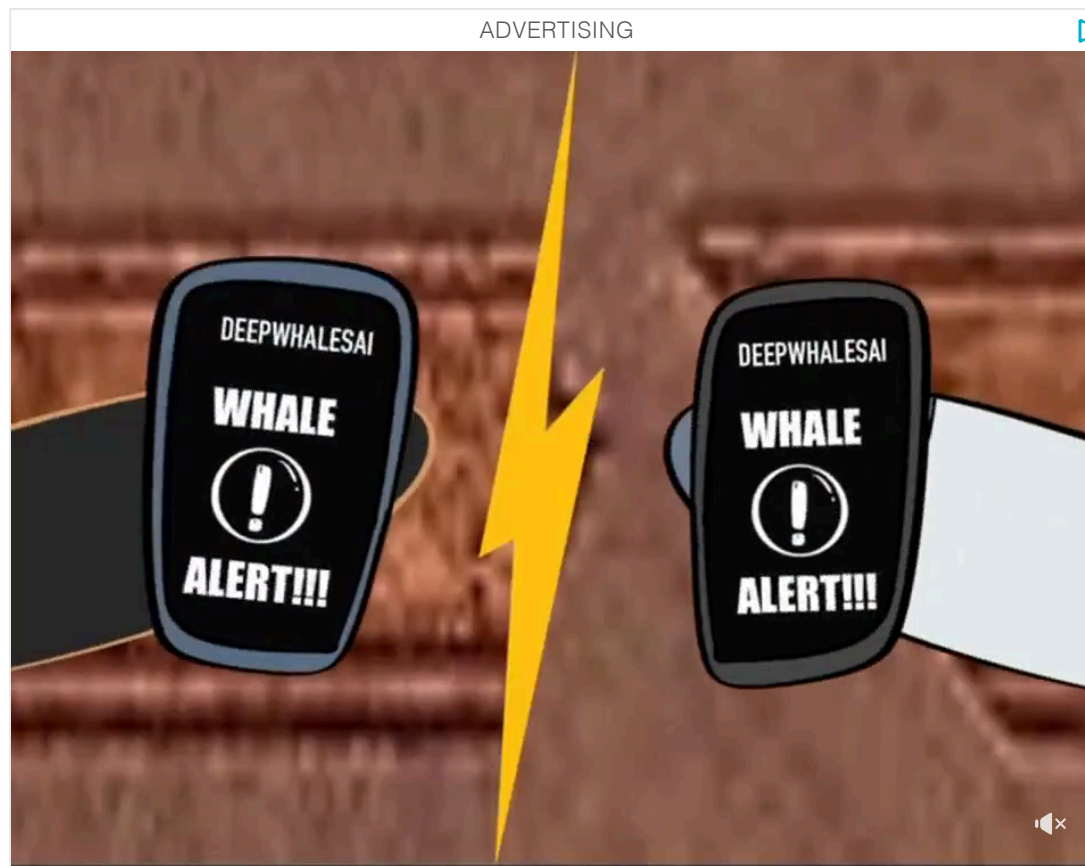
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Security at the Moncloa Palace

The **Moncloa Palace** is one of the most **discreet** locations for **Civil Guards** , **National Police officers** , and other officials. The fact that they work for the Prime Minister and the **strict security measures** in place at the palace contribute to this silence.

An incident that shakes the Civil Guard

Now a **ruling by the military court** , to which *Confidencial Digital* has had access , has recently described a **curious** episode , which has cost a civil guard assigned to the security detail of the **Presidency of the Government a financial penalty** .



Legal framework for security in the Presidency

Royal **Decree 676/2025**, of July 28, which approves the structure of the **Presidency of the Government**, attributes to the **Department of Security of the Presidency** "the protection of the personnel, buildings and facilities of the **Moncloa Complex**, as well as the functions and actions necessary to

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guarantee the **comprehensive security** of the President of the Government in all his activities and that of other people and facilities determined by the person in charge of the Office of the President of the Government, in coordination with the Ministry of the Interior."

This same decree establishes that "the **Department of Security** will have a **staff of personnel** from the **State Security Forces and Corps** , whose assignment will be carried out by the **Ministry of the Interior** , in agreement with the person holding the position of Director of the Cabinet of the President of the Government, through the procedure of free appointment."

Security structure in La Moncloa

The **Civil Guard** has a **Security Unit for the Presidency of the Government** , and the **National Police** has a **Special Police**

Station for the Presidency of the Government .

Details of the gym incident

The **Civil Guard officer involved** in this case was assigned to the **Security Unit of the Presidency of the Government** in 2022 .

According to the **account of proven facts** established by a **court ruling** , the usual workplace of this civil guard was the **gymnasium of the Department of Security of the Presidency of the Government** .

"As the person in charge of the gym, his responsibilities included **maintaining order** in the premises and **ensuring that** rules and instructions regarding the use of the premises and the maintenance and use of the equipment used for sports activities were not violated," the ruling states.

The **presidential bodyguards** and the **agents involved in the security detail at La Moncloa Palace have training facilities** within the presidential complex : a gymnasium, a shooting range, and so on.

On **April 1, 2022**, this officer was supposed to be monitoring the gym during **the afternoon shift** , between **2:00 PM and 9:00 PM** . Before starting, he stopped by the **cafeteria** . There, he had "some **tapas** with two **beers** ." The serious thing is that his alcohol consumption was set to **increase during his work shift** .

While the Civil Guard officer was already on duty at the gym, at **three in the afternoon, a sergeant and a first corporal from the Civil Guard** , also stationed at **La Moncloa** , arrived at the cardio room . The non-commissioned officer was carrying a **bottle of gin** . Several witness statements indicated that it was a bottle of **Larios 12** .

The brigadier, the first corporal and the civil guard began **drinking gin and Coca-Cola** : "The civil guard, who was responsible for supervising the gym facilities and, therefore, **maintaining order** in the premises, not only allowed the introduction and consumption of alcohol in said gym, but also participated in said consumption," the sentence established.

Hours later, just after **seven in the evening** , a **National Police sub-inspector** arrived at the gym's cardio room , followed five

minutes later by an **inspector** . The latter was the **Prime Minister's chief bodyguard** .

They found the civil guard “showing **symptoms of having consumed excessive amounts of alcoholic beverages** .”

But not only that: in that same part of the gym, and in the presence of the two **National Police officers** , this Civil Guard officer "pulled down his **pants** and **showed them his ass** , while **dancing and squatting** ." This is how the events are described, verbatim, in the **account of proven facts** established by the **Central Military Tribunal** in a recent ruling.

This drunken episode of a Civil Guard of **the Presidency of the Government** , in the **gymnasium of the Security Department** of the **Moncloa Palace** , took place on **April 1, 2022** .

That same day, **witnesses at the scene** reported what happened. Not only that, but they also submitted **written statements** describing what they had seen and how the **officer** had behaved .

The **aforementioned sub-inspector** (assigned to the **Special Police Station of the Presidency of the Government**), a **police**

officer and another **female agent** (both bodyguards), and another **sub-inspector from the Special Police Station** submitted **written statements** that day , and the **chief inspector of Pedro Sánchez's bodyguards** did so three days later.

This prompted the **Civil Guard commander** in charge of the **Government Presidency Security Unit** to order the opening of a **classified investigation** , that is, a **preliminary investigation** to clarify the scope of what happened.

In this **confidential information**, the **investigator** took a statement from the **chief inspector of escorts** and the rest of the aforementioned **civil guards and national police officers** , who apparently witnessed the scene in the **gymnasium of the Department of Security of the Presidency of the Government** .

The **confidential information** led to a **disciplinary case** , which culminated in a sanction.

Disciplinary process and sanction imposed

On August 3, the **Deputy Director of Operations (DAO)** of the **Civil Guard** issued a resolution imposing a **sanction of loss of twenty days of economic salary** with **suspension of duties** as the author of a serious offense consisting of "the **observance of conduct seriously contrary to the dignity of the Civil Guard**", provided for in section 1 of **article 8 of Organic Law 12/2007**, of October 22, of the **Disciplinary Regime of the Civil Guard** .

The **punished officer** filed an **appeal** against this decision, which was rejected by the **Director General of the Civil Guard** .

Appeal and decision of the Central Military Court

He then went to **court** , with a **military disciplinary appeal** before the **Central Military Court** .

In the appeal, he alleged that **his fundamental right to the presumption of innocence had been violated** . He claimed that the events had not occurred as described in the **sanctioning resolution** , and that **his own statement as a subject of the investigation** had not been taken into account .

In an attempt to **discredit the investigation** , he warned that after reporting his behavior at the gym **internally** to the **Department of Security of the Presidency of the Government** , **he was not subjected to a breathalyzer test** that would prove he was under the influence of alcohol.

The members of the **court** took into account the **report** issued by the **(accidental) legal advisor of the Civil Guard** before the **DAO** issued the **sanctioning resolution** .

The **legal advisor** had highlighted that all the **witnesses** who testified in the **case** agreed in stating that the civil guard gave off a **strong smell of alcohol** , used **inappropriate and incoherent words and phrases** and that in their presence **he lowered his trousers, showed them his bottom in a squatting position and danced** .

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The **National Police inspector** , head of bodyguards, said that he and another **sub-inspector** were able to see at **seven in the evening** that on a table in the gym there was a **bottle of Larios 12 gin** , with several **cans of Coca-Cola** and **tube glasses with liquid** , "apparently, combinations of **gin and Coca-Cola** ."

The Civil Guard officer in charge of the gym at the time was holding a **tall glass of liquid** . Furthermore, "it was clear to see that he was showing **signs of intoxication** , giving off a strong **odor of alcohol, uttering inappropriate and incoherent phrases, dancing in the room with very loud music** ," until "he dropped his **pants** and **showed us his butt** , in a squat position, dancing, and holding this position for several seconds."

The first corporal also stated that he, along with a **brigadier** and that Civil Guard member, began **drinking rum and cokes** in the gym. He acknowledged that **they had drinks** at that facility in **La Moncloa** .

The rest of **the witnesses** gave **very similar accounts** to the inspector's. They saw the Civil Guard with **apparent symptoms of drunkenness, "bright eyes, strong smell of alcohol, wandering and stammering,"** "with a bottle of **Larios 12-year-**

old blue gin , " "with obvious symptoms of drunkenness , judging by the way he spoke and the smell he gave off , " " strong smell of alcohol , barely able to stand," " happy , with a broken (hoarse) voice, dancing ."

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In response to the Civil Guard's complaint about having been **sanctioned** without having been given a **breathalyzer test** , the **court** recalled that "a **reiterated and consistent doctrine** of the **Military Division of the Supreme Court** does not require or consider it necessary that the

state of intoxication be proven by **breathalyzer tests** , the existence of **unequivocal signs of alcohol intoxication** appreciated by the **sanctioning authority** on the basis of the **existing evidence being sufficient ."**

El **Tribunal Militar Central** consideró, a la vista de las pruebas mencionadas, que la **autoridad sancionadora** había tenido a su disposición no una única prueba sino "un **plural, sólido y contundente caudal probatorio** de cargo del que se deduce

objetivamente, conforme a la lógica, a la razón, a la experiencia y a la sana crítica, que los hechos se produjeron tal y como figuran en la **resolución sancionadora**”.

Conclusiones sobre la conducta del Guardia Civil

En la **sentencia** también se abordó si la **conducta** de ese guardia civil que prestaba servicio en **La Moncloa** encaja en ese **tipo disciplinario** de “la **observancia de conductas gravemente contrarias a la dignidad de la Guardia Civil**”, **falta grave** según el **Régimen Disciplinario**.

Los miembros del **tribunal** dejaron escrito que “los miembros de la **Guardia Civil** deben mostrar un comportamiento **intachable** en todo momento, no solo en acto de servicio sino también fuera de él”.

Las **Reales Ordenanzas de las Fuerzas Armadas**, de aplicación a la **Guardia Civil**, disponen que los **militares** deben actuar con **arreglo**, entre otros, a los **principios de integridad, ejemplaridad, austeridad y honradez**.

Además, están obligados a **velar por el prestigio** de la **institución** y por el suyo propio en cuanto miembro de ella, normas que conectan con el **artículo 7.1, regla 13ª de la Ley 29/2014**, de 28 de noviembre, del **Régimen del Personal de la Guardia Civil**: “Evitará todo comportamiento que pueda **comprometer el prestigio del cuerpo**”.

Por todo ello, el **tribunal** concluyó que “la **conducta del guardia civil** dista mucho de la conducta que se espera y es exigible a un **miembro de la Guardia Civil** a quien se le presumen determinados valores que se recogen en la **normativa** que conforma el **estatuto de los componentes de la Guardia Civil**”.

Entendió que la **conducta** de ese **agente** fue **calificada adecuadamente** como **gravemente contraria a la dignidad** por las **circunstancias** de lo que hizo el guardia civil en el gimnasio ese día. **Especial gravedad** le añadió “su comportamiento **irrespeto al bajarse los pantalones, enseñando el culo** ante los presentes en el gimnasio, miembros del **Cuerpo de Policía Nacional**”.

El guardia civil trató de **anular su sanción** alegando que los hechos no habían **trascendido** fuera de su **unidad de destino**. Pero el **tribunal** negó que hubiera una **ausencia absoluta de transcendencia externa** de los hechos, “dado que la **conducta protagonizada** por el guardia civil se efectuó delante de **miembros ajenos a la Guardia Civil**, concretamente **ante miembros de la Policía Nacional**”.

Esos **testigos** “conocían que el **encartado** era en ese momento el **instructor encargado del gimnasio**, y que por tanto estaba de servicio, así como su condición de **guardia civil** que prestaba servicios en el **Servicio de Formación**”, según declararon los testigos. De hecho, “vestía con la **indumentaria correspondiente al instructor del gimnasio**”.

En este tipo de **faltas disciplinarias** sobre **conductas** que **perjudican la imagen** o la **dignidad de la Guardia Civil**, o de las **Fuerzas Armadas**, es clave ese **elemento**: que los hechos “**indignos**” **trascendieran a personas ajenas al ejército, cuerpo o unidad**.

Las **faltas graves** del **Régimen Disciplinario de la Guardia Civil** se pueden **castigar por tres vías**: **suspensión de empleo**

de un mes a tres meses, **pérdida de cinco a veinte días de haberes con suspensión de funciones, y pérdida de destino.**

Para **decidir la sanción más acorde** a la **conducta** observada, el **tribunal** recuerda que se debe tener en consideración la **intencionalidad del recurrente** y la circunstancia de que estuviese de servicio en el **gimnasio bajo los efectos del alcohol contraviniendo las normas e instrucciones** que el mismo debía **vigilar para su cumplimiento.**

The conduct **of the Civil Guard officer at the Presidency of the Government " seriously disrupted the service** and, consequently, the normal **functioning of the Administration ."** Furthermore, the **inappropriate and disrespectful conduct** toward the **personnel** present was "unworthy of a Civil Guard officer . "

For the **Central Military Court** , "all of this makes him **worthy of the sanction of loss of salary with suspension of duties** to its **maximum extent ."**

The **agent** used his **merits and medals** , which he had **accumulated** until then in his **career** , to try to **reduce the sanction .**

According to the **court** , "the **rewards and commendations** noted in the **appellant's service record** and the absence of **criminal and disciplinary sanctions** , contrary to what was pointed out by the appellant, were taken into account when **choosing the sanction .**"

They served to allow the **sanctioning authority** to rule out "**more serious sanctions** such as the imposition of **suspension from employment** for one to three months and **loss of position** ."

In the end, the **episode** resulted in a **punishment of loss of twenty days' pay** with **suspension from employment** , a **sanction** upheld by the **Central Military Court** .

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