

## CARNIVAL WITH A TWIST 'Los Indianos' in La Palma

This year's poster for the Los Indianos Carnival event, which was first popularised in La Palma, was recently presented. It was designed in watercolours by Carlos Manuel Rodríguez, a well-known illustrator and caricaturist who was born in 1969 in La Palma and is an internationally sought-after artist. It's a blend of comic scenes representing the colourful hustle and bustle of carnival in La Palma, and with many lovingly depicted details it reflects the essence of carnival on this small and beautiful green island. The carnival 'Los Indianos' is traditionally celebrated on Rose Monday. It marks the return of former emigrants from Cuba who arrived in La Palma in their white suits, with chunky cigars and Cuban members of staff. The event is marked by people dressing in white and throwing white powder over each other. On the poster you can see a ship that is based on the steamer called Correillo de La Palma, the old postal boat. Carnival is brought to La Palma by this ship and from the air by balloon. Many small details then give every reason for a closer inspection of the poster. For example, the couple at the bow who remind us of the film Titanic, a Cuban quartet of musicians in a lifeboat, a couple with children underlining the family character of the carnival, an ambassador covered in powder, Cuban parrots as well as the figure of the Cuban Tomasa who is one of the central personalities of the carnival in La Palma. The poster will be taken by the island's tourism department representatives to Spain's largest travel fair, Fitur, which will be held in Madrid from January 23 to 27. The poster will be accompanied by a brochure in German, English and Spanish explaining the special features of this carnival event. ■

## NATIONAL POLICE AND GUARDIA CIVIL OPERATION

# Dangerous criminal gang disbanded

Thanks to the high level of cooperation between the National Police and the Guardia Civil in Tenerife, a criminal organisation specialising in armed robberies and drug dealing has been eliminated.

The gang was considered highly dangerous and extremely violent. Five people between the ages of 30 and 45 years, all with previous criminal records, were arrested. Four of them were remanded without a bail option. They are accused of attempted murder, membership of a criminal organisation, attempted robbery, illegal possession of weapons and forgery of documents.

The investigation began after a shooting in the Ofra district of Santa Cruz in early 2018. The investigating National Police initially suspected that this was a settlement between different parties over drugs. In the course of the investigation it turned out that their Guar-

→ Masks, gloves and other accessories intended for the planned robbery  
 ↓ The loaded weapons seized from the criminal gang



dia Civil colleagues were also investigating the same people. The group was accused of robbery and attacking drug dealers. Amongst other things, they apparently planned to rob a large warehouse in southern Tenerife. They had already purchased a car with false license plates and weapons, as well as accessories to tie up and gag the warehouse owner during the robbery. Special units and road checks were activated with

the aim of catching the suspected criminals before they could put their plan into action. Thanks to the cooperation between the two security forces, the gang was arrested

in time. They were caught in a vehicle with double license plates. The car contained a sawn-off shotgun and a pistol, both of which were loaded ready for use. ■

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