



CHILD PORN RING

Arrests throughout Spain

National police have arrested 20 people nationwide for the use and exchange of child pornography material, with ten other suspects still under investigation.

A total of 30 apartments were searched during the operation, including one in Tenerife. The others were located in Zaragoza (2), Madrid (4), Barcelona (8), Vizcaya (3), Castellón (2), Málaga (2) and one each in Pontevedra, Lugo, Jaén, Granada, Seville, Almería, Valladolid and Córdoba. Extensive evidence was apparently secured during the searches.

The investigation began after police learned of the existence of a child pornography exchange on the Internet. The network used a virtual cloud as a basis for exchange, as these platforms have a high storage capacity and, above all, are easy to access from all digital devices. The archives could thus be effortlessly shared and quickly deleted if necessary. In addition, the cloud makes it easier to disguise the origin



← The National Police ran a successful nationwide investigation which led to 20 arrests

children from his team himself. Another is a pensioner from Seville, who, amongst other activities, was apparently encrypting information and hiding archives. A further suspect from Madrid is said to have abused an invitation to the house of friends to collect extensive pornographic material of their daughter. In addition, one 55-year-old man with a criminal record, from Almería, used the wife of a bar to avoid identification. In Zaragoza, two 16-year-olds were arrested, one of whom was caught deleting archives during the intervention. Thankfully, he was prevented from doing so by police officers. The suspects also include two women, from Madrid and Málaga, who were also holding child pornography material, though they indicated they had stored it by accident. ■

of material. For the police, this makes tracking and identification significantly more difficult.

Nevertheless, this most recent investigation was successful, as it often is.

Among those detained was a youth football coach from Barcelona, who is said to have

possessed extensive incriminatory material, but who could not be proven to have abused



↑ Thanks to Ortega's quick reaction, the holidaymaker survived

José Juan Ortega, a security guard with Securitas, was on duty at the end of March at the

Marylanza Suites & Spa Hotel in Playa de Las Américas when at dawn, a very upset woman

HEART ATTACK HOLIDAYMAKER REVIVED

Security guard turns lifesaver

called the reception desk for help, explaining that her husband had stopped breathing. Ortega immediately reached for the semi-automatic defibrillator device and ran to the guest's room. After making sure that the man had actually stopped breathing and had no pulse, he applied the device. By the time the Hospital Quirón Salud ambulance arrived from Costa Adeje, he had resuscitated the patient. On arrival at the hospital, however, the man

suffered another heart attack which was treated by the hospital staff. Since the Norwegian needed an emergency catheter, he was taken to Hospiten Sur for emergency surgery.

The patient spent a few days in a coma, but then the family was given the all-clear. He had recovered almost completely. His wife expressly thanked the courageous intervention by José Juan Ortega, who undoubtedly saved her husband's life. The security

guard had attended professional training courses on the use of the defibrillator, but had never used the device in practice. In September 2016, there was a similar case at the Aparthotel Casablanca in Puerto de La Cruz. Then too, there was a happy ending. The hotels and holiday apartments association Ashotel has been part of the network for cardio protected spaces since last year and has an agreement with DESA, which installs defibril-

lators and trains staff in their use. "We have had such a device in our hotel and trained personnel since 2015. It's a question of responsibility to have this service available in hotels and other public facilities. Even though obviously we always wish we would never have to use it, sometimes, as in this case, it makes the difference between life and death" explained Fernando Josa, director of Hotel Marylanza Suites & Spa. ■



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