



NEW CREATION

Fusion of art and design

Designer Isabel Torres Quevedo's line of bags, using high-quality photographs to add a Canarian touch to the collection called Afortunadas Islas Canarias, has proved so popular that she has expanded her range.

"Our brand continues to develop. We have been well received on the market and are as popular with residents as we are with holidaymakers. In response to demand, we have expanded our collection of bags in various sizes, which are our trademark, to include several other accessories such as purses, fans, shirts and computer sleeves. Now I think it's time to go one step further with the motifs. That's why I've decided to work with Gran Canaria artist Elena Ardanaz," states the designer. Ardanaz is known for her depiction of plants on wood. In this case, both women chose the agave to create their first bag in the new line. It is a plant that grows on all seven islands, which was probably brought



The latest bag model with an agave leaf design by artist Elena Ardanaz

to the archipelago by the conquerors of Central America. It quickly adapted to the conditions of life in the Canaries and though, strictly speaking, it is an invasive plant, it's nowadays considered by Canarians to be part of their heritage. The fibres of the

leaves were used to build ropes and fabrics, as well as various other useful items. The sap is used as a sweetener, processed into vinegar or into tequila. In naturopathy it is used as an antibiotic. The agave has now become part of the Canary Islands flora and is often used

to cordon off territory as a living fence. Both artists appreciate each other's skills and a creative and cooperative fusion has developed. More information about both can be found on their respective websites at shopafortunadas.com and elenardanaz.com.



Two artists who found each other

YOUNG KNOWN OFFENDER

Suspected motor thief

A 24-year-old suspect from La Victoria seems to have a preference to stealing two-wheeled vehicles, although he sometimes takes four-wheeled vehicles.

This year, the young man has already been targeted four times by investigators. In addition to the theft offences, there are also charges for a traffic offence of hazardous driving and a violation of road safety by driving without a driving licence. On August 23, the suspect was caught in La Matanza with a car stolen from Los Baldios near La

Laguna. During his subsequent escape, he lost control of the vehicle and drove into the wall of a house.

The investigation into the suspect began in May of this year, after numerous motorcycles had been stolen. He apparently hid them in the garage beneath his apartment in La Victoria or on a finca belonging to a family member in La Matanza where he it's claimed he dismantled the vehicles and later sold the parts. Identifying numbers were supposedly made illegible. During a search, five dismantled and

three still functioning motorcycles were seized. At the end of June, the suspect was charged with stealing a motorcycle in Candelaria, which was found on the patio of the house in La Matanza. Two months later he is accused of stealing a quad in La Guancha, which it's alleged he also took to the finca for dismantling. Despite his young age, the 24-year-old is already well known to the police. His previous record includes offences of theft, violent robberies, causing bodily injury and acts of domestic violence.

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