Procedure No.: PS/00032/2019

RESOLUTION OF PUNISHMENT PROCEDURE

Of the procedure instructed by the Spanish Agency for Data Protection before A.A.A.,

(hereinafter the claimed) by virtue of a claim filed by B.B.B. (hereinafter the

claimant) based on the following:

**BACKGROUND** 

FIRST: On October 18, 2018, the claimant filed a claim with the

Spanish Data Protection Agency. The claim is directed against the defendant

due to the existence of a video surveillance system of its ownership, which consists of "a

camera located in the center and halfway up the back wall of the house, and a

second camera located on that same wall but attached to the roof eaves on its side

left facing forward.

These cameras are oriented to the front, in such a way that they allow:

1-The capture and recording of images of all those people who transit

by the public road with which it adjoins.

2-the capturing and recording of the images of all the people who are in the

adjoining land and houses.

3-the capturing and recording of the images of all the people who

found in the farm and home that I own, and more specifically, those that

are in my backyard and inside the bathroom and a room to which

they open their windows. With a serious attack and violation of the right to privacy."

SECOND: In view of the facts denounced in the claim and the documents

of which this Agency has been made aware, the Subdirectorate General for Inspection of

Data proceeded to carry out preliminary investigation actions for the

clarification of the facts in question, in accordance with the provisions of the

Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter GDPR).

THIRD: On February 13, 2019, the Director of the Spanish Agency for

Data Protection agreed to initiate a sanctioning procedure against the claimant, for the alleged infringement of Article 5 of the RGPD, infringement typified as serious in article 83.5 of the GDPR.

FOURTH: Having been notified of the aforementioned initiation agreement, the respondent submitted a written allegations on 02/19/2019, stating that the sole purpose of the system of video surveillance object of this claim are home installation cameras, adjustable, which capture images of your private environment, has a poster announcing

FIFTH: On 03/06/2019, the instructor of the procedure agreed to open a evidence practice period, taking into account the previous actions of investigation, E/08466/2018, as well as the documents provided by the respondent.

"video surveillance area", although its purpose is merely deterrent.

SIXTH: Of the actions carried out, the following facts have been proven:

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Excessive processing of data, carried out through a video surveillance system of four cameras, whose owner is the one claimed for capturing one of its cameras part of the road public.

SEVENTH: On March 13, 2019, a resolution proposal was formulated, proposing that the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency imposed on the defendant, for a violation of article 5.1 c) in connection with article 6

of the RGPD, typified in art. 83.5 a) of the RGPD, a sanction of warning.

The accused party is REQUIRED to certify before this body the

 $\hfill\square$  Withdrawal of any video-surveillance device oriented or focused towards the

public space, providing documentary evidence (photograph date and time) that

prove such extreme.

In view of everything that has been done, by the Spanish Agency for the Protection of

Data in this procedure are considered the following,

compliance with the following measure:

**PROVEN FACTS** 

FIRST: The respondent has a video surveillance system consisting of a camera

located in the center and halfway up the rear wall of the house, and a second

camera located on that same wall but attached to the roof eaves on its left side

facing forward, oriented in such a way that they allow the capture and recording of

images of all those people who travel on the public road with which it adjoins, as well as

such as capturing and recording the images of all the people who are in the

adjoining land and houses and the capturing and recording of images of all the

people who are in the farm and house owned by the claimant, which

It represents a serious violation of the right to privacy.

SECOND: The respondent submitted a brief of allegations on 02/19/2019,

stating that the sole purpose of the video surveillance system object of this

claim are home-installed, steerable cameras that capture images of your

private environment, has a sign announcing "video surveillance area", although its purpose

It is merely deterrent in nature.

**FOUNDATIONS OF LAW** 

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By virtue of the powers that article 58.2 of the RGPD recognizes to each authority

of control, and according to what is established in art. 47 of the Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, of Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of digital rights (in what hereinafter LOPDGDD), the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency is competent to resolve this procedure.

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The treatment of images of a video surveillance system, in accordance with the current regulations, you must follow the following requirements:

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- Respect the principle of proportionality.
- When the system is connected to an alarm center, it can only be installed by a private security company that meets the requirements set forth in Article 5 of Law 5/2014 on Private Security, of April 4.
- The video cameras will not be able to capture images of people who are outside the private space since the treatment of images in public places only it can be carried out, where appropriate, by the Security Forces and Bodies. Either spaces owned by third parties may be captured or recorded without the consent of their holders, or, where appropriate, of the people who are in them.
- The duty to inform those affected provided for in article 12 must be complied with of the RGPD 2016/679, of April 27, 2016, in the terms referred to both in the aforementioned article, as in articles 13 and 14 of said norm, resulting from application -by not contradict the provisions of the aforementioned Regulation-, the manner provided for in article 3 of Instruction 1/2006, of November 8, of the Spanish Data Protection Agency,

on the Processing of Personal Data for Surveillance Purposes through Information Systems

Cameras or Video Cameras (Instruction 1/2006, of November 8, of the Spanish Agency

Data Protection).

Specifically, it must:

1 Place in the video-monitored areas, at least one informative badge located in a sufficiently visible place, both in open and closed spaces.

In accordance with the provisions of articles 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, of 27 of April 2016, in the previously mentioned informative badge, it must be identified, least, the existence of a treatment, the identity of the person in charge and the possibility of exercise the rights provided for in said precepts.

1 Keep available to those affected the information referred to in the cited Regulation (EU) 2016/679, of April 27, 2016.

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Article 5 section 1 letter c) RGPD "Principles related to treatment" provides that personal data will be processed:

c) adequate, pertinent and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for those who are treated. (data minimization).

For its part, article 6.1 of the RGPD (Legality of the treatment) establishes the Specific assumptions under which the processing of data is considered lawful interested parties.

In this case, from the documentation contained in the procedure, the existence of a video surveillance system made up of several security cameras, that are installed without just cause, and may be capturing images disproportionate from the public road.

The treatment of images in public places can only be carried out -in your C/ Jorge Juan, 6

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case and prior compliance with the legally enforceable requirements-, by the Forces and Security Forces, unless the exception established in article 4.3 of the Instruction 1/2006, of November 8, of this Agency, which establishes: "the cameras and camcorders installed in private spaces will not be able to obtain images of spaces public unless it is essential for the intended surveillance purpose, or it is impossible to avoid it due to their location. In any case, you must Avoid any unnecessary data processing for the purpose pursued.

However, on some occasions the protection of private spaces is only possible if the cameras are located in spaces such as facades. Sometimes it also turns out necessary to capture the accesses, doors or entrances, so that although the camera is is inside the building, it is impossible not to record the minimum and essential of the public thoroughfare, which is inevitably captured.

For this exception to apply, there must not be a possibility of alternative installation. Bearing in mind that:

- The person responsible for processing the data carried out through cameras and/or video cameras will adapt the use of the installation, so that the impact on human rights of pedestrians is the minimum possible.
- In no case will the use of surveillance practices beyond the environment be admitted.
   object of the installation and in particular, not being able to affect public spaces
   surrounding buildings, adjoining buildings and vehicles other than those accessing the space guarded.

Article 83.5 a) of the RGPD, considers that the infringement of "the basic principles

for processing, including the conditions for consent under the

articles 5, 6, 7 and 9" is punishable, in accordance with section 5 of the aforementioned article 83 of the aforementioned Regulation, with administrative fines of €20,000,000 maximum or, in the case of a company, an amount equivalent to a maximum of 4% of the volume of total annual global business of the previous financial year, opting for the one with the highest amount.

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In the present case, the investigated party is accused of committing an infraction for violation of article 5.1 c) in connection with article 6 of the RGPD, which states that "the personal data will be adequate, pertinent and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed (minimization of data)," punishable in accordance with provided in art. 58.2 of the aforementioned RGPD. The infraction is typified in article 83.5 a) of the RGPD, considers that the infringement of "the basic principles for the treatment, including the conditions for consent under articles 5, 6, 7 and 9".

This infraction can be sanctioned with a maximum fine of €20,000,000 or, in the case of a company, an amount equivalent to a maximum of 4% of the volume of total annual global business of the previous financial year, opting for the one with the highest amount, in accordance with article 83.5 of the RGPD.

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Notwithstanding the provisions of article 83.5, sections a) and b), of the RGPD, its art.

58.2 b) establishes the possibility of sanctioning with a warning, in relation to what is indicated in Recital 148:

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"In the event of a minor offence, or if the fine likely to be imposed would constitute a disproportionate burden for a natural person, rather than a sanction A warning may be imposed by means of a fine. However, special attention must be paid attention to the nature, seriousness and duration of the infraction, to its intentional nature, to the measures taken to alleviate the damages suffered, to the degree of liability or any relevant prior violation, to the manner in which the authority of control has been aware of the infraction, to the fulfillment of measures ordered against the person in charge or person in charge, adherence to codes of conduct and any other aggravating or mitigating circumstance."

According to what was stated,

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By the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency,

HE REMEMBERS:

- 1.- WARN the defendant for an infraction of article 5.1 c) in connection with the article 6 of the RGPD, typified in art. 83.5 a) of the RGPD, a sanction of warning.
- 2.- REQUIRE the person claimed so that within a month from this act of notification proves to this body the fulfillment of the following measures:
- □ Withdrawal of any video-surveillance device oriented or focused towards the public space, providing documentary evidence (photograph date and time) that proves such extreme.
- 3.- NOTIFY this Agreement to the claimed party

In accordance with the provisions of article 50 of the LOPDGDD, this

Resolution will be made public once it has been notified to the interested parties.

Against this resolution, which puts an end to the administrative procedure (article 48.2 of the

LOPD), and in accordance with the provisions of articles 112 and 123 of Law 39/2015,

of October 1, of the Common Administrative Procedure of the Administrations

Public, the interested parties may optionally file an appeal for reconsideration before

the Director of the Spanish Agency for Data Protection within a period of one month from

from the day following the notification of this resolution, or, directly appeal

contentious-administrative before the Contentious-administrative Chamber of the High Court

National, in accordance with the provisions of article 25 and section 5 of the provision

additional fourth of Law 29/1998, of July 13, regulating the Jurisdiction

Contentious-Administrative, within a period of two months from the day following the

notification of this act, as provided in article 46.1 of the aforementioned legal text.

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