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RESOLUTION OF PUNISHMENT PROCEDURE

Of the procedure instructed by the Spanish Agency for Data Protection and based on

to the following

**BACKGROUND** 

FIRST: On 07/19/2021, it had entry in this Spanish Agency of

Data Protection a document presented by A.A.A. (hereinafter referred to as the claimant),

through which he makes a claim against B.B.B. with NIF \*\*\*NIF.1 (hereinafter, the

claimed), for the installation of a video surveillance system installed in

\*\*\* ADDRESS.1, there being indications of a possible breach of the provisions of

the personal data protection regulations.

The reasons underlying the claim are as follows:

"In the neighborhood of \*\*\*DIRECTORY.1, the house (...), is being video monitored

breaching the General Data Protection Regulation, for being oriented

capture devices towards public transit areas. It is adjacent

with my address and, consequently, your camera is invading my privacy, by

to be pointing indicatively towards my roof and the entire area of the road that

It affects my home.

[...]

Provides photographic report of the location of the cameras.

SECOND: In accordance with the provisions of article 65.4 of the Organic Law

3/2018, of December 5, on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of the

digital rights (hereinafter, LOPDGDD), was transferred on 07/29/2021 and

09/13/2021 to the respondent, to proceed with its analysis and inform this

Agency within a month, of the actions carried out to adapt to the

requirements set forth in the personal data protection regulations. attempts to notification were made through postal mail, resulting in "Returned to origin by surplus (not picked up at the office), as stated in the Notice issued by Correos on the days 09/09/2021 and 10/27/2021.

THIRD: On 10/25/2021, the Director of the Spanish Protection Agency

Data agreed to admit the claim for processing.

FOURTH: On 12/16/2021, the Director of the Spanish Protection Agency of Data agreed to initiate a sanctioning procedure against the claimed party, for the alleged infringement of article 5.1.c) of the RGPD, typified in article 83.5 of the GDPR.

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FIFTH: An attempt was made to notify the agreement to open this proceeding penalized by postal mail, resulting in "Returned to Origin due to surplus (not picked up at the office)", according to the Notice issued by the Post Office. In this way, the notification occurred through an announcement published in the Official State Gazette on the day 01/26/2022 and a hearing period of TEN WORKING DAYS is granted so that formulate the allegations and present the evidence that it deems appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of articles 73 and 76 of Law 39/2015, of 1 October, of the Common Administrative Procedure of the Public Administrations (in hereafter, LPACAP).

SIXTH: After the term granted for the formulation of allegations to the agreement of the beginning of the procedure, it has been verified that no allegation has been received

by the claimed party.

Article 64.2.f) of Law 39/2015, of October 1, on Administrative Procedure

Common Public Administrations (hereinafter LPACAP) -provision of which

the party claimed was informed in the agreement to open the proceeding-

establishes that if allegations are not made within the stipulated period on the content of the

initiation agreement, when it contains a precise statement about the

imputed responsibility, may be considered a resolution proposal.

In the present case, the agreement to initiate the disciplinary proceedings determined the

facts in which the imputation was specified, the infraction of the RGPD attributed to the

claimed and the sanction that could be imposed. Therefore, taking into account that

the party complained against has made no objections to the agreement to initiate the file and

In accordance with the provisions of article 64.2.f) of the LPACAP, the aforementioned agreement of

beginning is considered in the present case resolution proposal.

SEVENTH: The agreement to initiate the procedure agreed in the third point of the

operative part "INCORPORATE to the disciplinary file, for the purposes of evidence, the

claims submitted by claimants and the information and documentation

obtained by the Subdirectorate General for Data Inspection in the phase of

information prior to the agreement for admission to processing of the claim".

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

In this proceeding, the following are considered proven facts:

**PROVEN FACTS** 

FIRST: Installation of a video surveillance system made up of at least 3

cameras, located on the outside of the property located at \*\*\*ADDRESS.1, which

could be capturing images of the adjoining home owned by the claimant,

as well as public roads.

SECOND: The person responsible for the devices is B.B.B. with NIF \*\*\*NIF.1.

THIRD: The Spanish Data Protection Agency has notified the claimant of the agreement to open this sanctioning procedure, but has not presented allegations or evidence that contradicts the reported facts.

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**FOUNDATIONS OF LAW** 

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In accordance with the powers that article 58.2 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679

(General Data Protection Regulation, hereinafter RGPD), grants each
control authority and as established in articles 47 and 48.1 of the Law

Organic 3/2018, of December 5, on the Protection of Personal Data and guarantee of
digital rights (hereinafter, LOPDGDD), is competent to initiate and resolve
this procedure the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency.

Likewise, article 63.2 of the LOPDGDD determines that: "The procedures
processed by the Spanish Agency for Data Protection will be governed by the provisions
in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in this organic law, by the provisions
regulations issued in its development and, as long as they do not contradict them, with a
subsidiary, by the general rules on administrative procedures."

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The image of a person, in accordance with article 4.1 of the RGPD, is personal data and its protection, therefore, is the subject of said Regulation. In article 4.2 of the RGPD it is defines the concept of "treatment" of personal data.

Article 22 of the LOPDGDD includes the specific rules for the treatment of

data for video surveillance purposes and states the following:

- "1. Natural or legal persons, public or private, may carry out the treatment ment of images through camera systems or video cameras with the purpose to preserve the safety of people and property, as well as its facilities.
- Images of public roads may only be captured to the extent that it is imdispensable for the purpose mentioned in the previous section.

However, it will be possible to capture public roads to a greater extent when necessary to guarantee the security of assets or strategic installations. services or infrastructures linked to transport, without in any case being able to put the capturing of images of the interior of a private home.

3. The data will be deleted within a maximum period of one month from its collection, except when they had to be kept to prove the commission of acts that attend to have against the integrity of people, goods or facilities. In this case, the images must be made available to the competent authority within a maximum period of seventy-two hours since the existence of the recording became known.

The blocking obligation provided for in art.

article 32 of this organic law.

4. The duty of information provided for in article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 is understood to be fulfilled by placing an informative device in a sufficient place

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ciently visible identifying, at least, the existence of the treatment, the identity

of the person in charge and the possibility of exercising the rights provided for in articles 15 to 22 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. It may also be included in the device information

I attach a connection code or internet address to this information.

In any case, the person in charge of the treatment must keep available to the affected the information referred to in the aforementioned regulation.

5. Under article 2.2.c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, it is considered excluded of its scope of application the treatment by a natural person of images that are regretfully capture the interior of your own home.

This exclusion does not cover processing carried out by a private security entity. given that she had been hired to guard a home and had access to the images.

- 6. The processing of personal data from the images and sounds obtained nests through the use of cameras and video cameras by the Forces and Corps

  Security and by the competent bodies for surveillance and control in the centers penitentiaries and for the control, regulation, surveillance and discipline of traffic, will be governed by the legislation transposing Directive (EU) 2016/680, when the treatment for purposes of prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of violations criminal offenses or the execution of criminal sanctions, including protection and prevention against threats to public safety. Apart from these assumptions, said treatment will be governed by its specific legislation and additionally by the Regulations to (EU) 2016/679 and this organic law.
- 7. What is regulated in this article is understood without prejudice to the provisions of the Law 5/2014, of April 4, on Private Security and its development provisions.
- 8. The treatment by the employer of data obtained through camera systems cameras or video cameras is subject to the provisions of article 89 of this organic law.

In accordance with the foregoing, the processing of images through a system of video surveillance, to be in accordance with current regulations, must comply with the following requirements:

- Respect the principle of proportionality.
- When the system is connected to an alarm center, you can only be installed by a private security company that meets the requirements contemplated in article 5 of Law 5/2014 on Private Security, of 4 april.

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Camcorders will not be able to capture images of people are outside the private space where the security system is installed. video surveillance, since the processing of images in public places only can be carried out, unless there is government authorization, by the

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Security Forces and Bodies. They cannot be captured or recorded spaces owned by third parties without the consent of their owners, or, in their case, of the people who are in them.

This rule admits some exceptions since, on some occasions, for the protection of private spaces, where cameras have been installed in facades or inside, it may be necessary to guarantee the purpose of security recording a portion of the public highway. That is, the cameras and video cameras installed for security purposes will not be able to obtain images

of public roads unless it is essential for that purpose, or it is impossible to avoid due to their location and extraordinarily

The minimum space for said purpose will also be collected. Therefore, the cameras could exceptionally capture the minimally necessary portion for its intended security purpose.

- The duty to inform those affected provided for in articles
   12 and 13 of the RGPD and 22.4 of the LOPDGDD.
- The person in charge must keep a record of treatment activities
   carried out under their responsibility, including the information to which
   refers to article 30.1 of the RGPD.

The installed cameras cannot obtain images of private spaces.

third party and/or public space without duly accredited justified cause, or may affect the privacy of passers-by who move freely through the zone. It is not allowed, therefore, the placement of cameras towards the private property of neighbors with the purpose of intimidating them or affecting their private sphere without just cause.

In no case will the use of surveillance practices be admitted beyond the
environment object of the installations and in particular, not being able to affect the
surrounding public spaces, adjoining buildings and vehicles other than those
access the guarded space.

In relation to the foregoing, to facilitate the consultation of interested parties, the Agency Spanish Data Protection offers through its website

[https://www.aepd.es] access to data protection legislation
including the RGPD and the LOPDGDD (section "Reports and resolutions" /

"regulations"), to the Guide on the use of video cameras for security and other

purposes and the Guide for compliance with the duty to inform (both available in the "Guides and tools" section).

It is also of interest in the event that low-level data processing is carried out.

risk, the free tool Facilita (in the "Guides and tools" section) that,

through specific questions, it allows to assess the situation of the person in charge regarding the processing of personal data that it carries out and, where appropriate, generate various documents, informative and contractual clauses, as well as an annex with indicative security measures considered minimal.

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In the present case, the respondent has not presented arguments or evidence that contradict the facts denounced within the period given for it.

In accordance with the evidence available and which has not been distorted during the sanctioning procedure, the defendant has installed a video surveillance system outside your home, located at \*\*\*ADDRESS.1, that can get to capture images of the adjoining property owned by the claimant, as well as public transit areas.

Based on the foregoing, the facts entail a violation of the provisions of the article 5.1 c) of the RGPD, which supposes an infringement typified in article 83.5 a) of the RGPD, which provides the following:

"The infractions of the following dispositions will be sanctioned, in accordance with the section 2, with administrative fines of a maximum of EUR 20,000,000 or,

in the case of a company, an amount equivalent to 4% of the turnover global annual total of the previous financial year, choosing the highest amount:

a) The basic principles for the treatment, including the conditions for the consent under articles 5, 6, 7 and 9;

(...)

For the mere purposes of prescription, article 72.1 of the LOPDGDD qualifies as very serious:

a) The processing of personal data violating the principles and guarantees established in article 5 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;

(...)

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The corrective powers available to the Spanish Agency for the Protection of Data, as a control authority, is established in article 58.2 of the RGPD. Among they find the power to direct a warning (art. 58.2 b)), the power to impose an administrative fine in accordance with article 83 of the RGPD (art. 58.2 i)), or the power to order the person in charge or in charge of the treatment that the treatment operations comply with the provisions of the RGPD, where appropriate, in a certain way and within a specified period (art. 58.2 d)).

According to the provisions of article 83.2 of the RGPD, the measure provided for in article 58.2 d) of the aforementioned Regulation is compatible with the sanction consisting of a fine administrative.

In the present case, taking into account the special circumstances that concur in the allegedly responsible for the infringement and making an interpretation of the criterion inspired by Recital 148 of the RGPD, according to which when the fine likely to be imposed would constitute a disproportionate burden C/ Jorge Juan, 6

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A warning may be imposed instead of the sanction of a fine, at this stage of the procedure, it is estimated that due to the infringement of article 5.1 c) of the RGPD, direct a warning.

Therefore, in accordance with the applicable legislation and having assessed the criteria for graduation of sanctions whose existence has been proven,

the Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency RESOLVES:

FIRST: ADDRESS B.B.B., with NIF \*\*\*NIF.1, for a violation of article 5.1.c)

of the RGPD, typified in article 83.5 of the RGPD, a warning.

SECOND: ORDER to B.B.B., with NIF \*\*\*NIF.1 that, by virtue of article 58.2 d)

of the GDPR, within ten days, take the following measures:

- Prove that you proceeded to remove the cameras from the current location, or to reorientation of these towards their particular area.

THIRD: NOTIFY this resolution to B.B.B., with NIF \*\*\*NIF.1.

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 in accordance with art. 48.6 of the

LOPDGDD, and in accordance with the provisions of article 123 of the LPACAP, the

Interested parties may optionally file an appeal for reconsideration before the

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

counting from the day following the notification of this resolution or directly

contentious-administrative appeal before the Contentious-Administrative Chamber of the

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

the fourth additional provision of Law 29/1998, of July 13, regulating the Contentious-administrative jurisdiction, within a period of two months from the day following the notification of this act, as provided in article 46.1 of the aforementioned Law.

Finally, it is pointed out that in accordance with the provisions of art. 90.3 a) of the LPACAP, may provisionally suspend the firm resolution in administrative proceedings if the

The interested party expresses his intention to file a contentious-administrative appeal.

If this is the case, the interested party must formally communicate this fact by writing addressed to the Spanish Agency for Data Protection, presenting it through

Electronic Register of the Agency [https://sedeagpd.gob.es/sede-electronica-web/], or through any of the other registers provided for in art. 16.4 of the

aforementioned Law 39/2015, of October 1. You must also transfer to the Agency the documentation proving the effective filing of the contentious appealadministrative. If the Agency was not aware of the filing of the appeal

contentious-administrative within a period of two months from the day following the notification of this resolution would end the precautionary suspension.

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