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The brother-in-law of King Philip VI of Spain enters the prison

To serve 5 years and 10 months

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USPA NEWS - The brother-in-law of King Philip VI of Spain and husband of the Infanta Cristina de Borbón, Iñaki Urgandarín, entered the Brieva prison in the province of Álava, near Madrid, in the early hours of Monday morning to serve his sentence of 5 years and 10 months in prison imposed by the Supreme Court for the crimes of prevarication, embezzlement of public funds, fraud to the Public Administration, influence peddling and two tax crimes.

The prison of Brieva, north of Madrid, was built in 1989 and is one of those considered as possible destination of Iñaki Urgandarín for its proximity to the capital of Spain, which will facilitate the visits of the Infanta Cristina and the children of marriage. The prison occupies an area of 43,540 square meters and is a prison for women. However, within its walls, the former Civil Guard director, Luis Roldán, who served in 1995 to serve a sentence of 15 years out of a total of 31 who was convicted of economic crimes, such as the misappropriation of the equivalent in pesetas to 10 million Euros. Also the terrorist Idoia López Riaño, alias 'La Tigresa', one of the most bloodthirsty of ETA, served time in the prison of Brieva.

Being a women's prison, the prison of Brieva has an added module of 12 cells, where men are occasionally sentenced. At the moment, his only occupant is Iñaki Urgandarín, the brother-in-law of King Philip VI, who had until midnight on Monday to voluntarily enter prison. Urgandarín, his wife the Infanta Cristina and the three children of the couple spent the weekend in a hotel in Geneva, where the family resides, before traveling by plane to Madrid, where Sunday night arrived. Shortly after 8 a.m. on Monday morning, Urgandarín arrived at the Brieva prison, where he entered. Prison sources informed the Spanish media that the King's brother-in-law will not receive any favorable treatment.

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