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#### **SPAIN**

#### MOST PUNITIVE PENAL CODE IN EUROPE

Spain's experience with terrorist activities and also the threat posed by pedophiles, has led to proposed changes in the Spanish penal code or codigo penal. In Spain, as in most countries, penal codes are national in character and each individual state within a country does not have separate penal or criminal code such as in the United States.

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As proposed, changes in the penal code provide for continued monitoring of sex offenders and terrorists whose actions have resulted in death, even after they have served their sentence and are released from prison. Also included in the changes is the possibility of a perpetual (life) sentence for terrorists and pedophiles. Federico Trillo, the public information officer of the Justice Ministry, stated that in this manner they will know that they are going to regret their actions every day of their life in prison. Also included in the new penal code is an increase in maximum sentences repeaters of minor offenses from 15 days to three months.

Opposition parties have criticized the proposed changes which, in their view, would make the already most punitive penal code in Europe even more so. They have also suggested that the proposed changes violated the Spanish constitution and international law.

Requests by the political parties PNV, ERC-ICV-IU and BNG to withdraw the law changes were rejected by the government. The law changes, however, still have to clear

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#### MOST PUNITIVE PENAL CODE...

the legislature where they require an absolute majority to pass.

## A nueva formas del crimen reforma del codigo penal

http://www.abc.es/videosnacional/20100311/nueva-formas-crimenreforma-541185262001.html



**TURKEY** 

Turkey is one of the most restrictive countries in the world for internet censorship. The government currently blocks about 6000 websites, consisting not only of those with erotic or "adult" content, but also political websites if the content is sympathetic to the PKK terrorist organization. Recently the government increased its efforts to filter/block internet searches based on keywords in those searches. Two such words that would block the search are Schwiegermutter, the German world for mother in law, and Verbot, the German word for forbidden.



#### **ESCOPOLAMINA O BURUNDANGA**

Information on Escopolamina (Scopolamine), also called Burundanga, published in the October 2011 newsletter, prompted

additional research into the subject. Newsletter readers with Spanish language skills can check out an article/blog by Comisario (ra) Ernesto Emiliano Santamaría of the Argentine Federal Police. It appears that Scopolamine has shown up all over South America, including Argentina.

http://procedimientospolicialesargentina.blo gspot.com/2008/07/escopolamina-oburundanga.html



#### SURREPTITIOUS RECORDING OF POLICE

German police is alarmed at two new apps for Androids and iPhone applications that allow users to secretly make audio or video recordings during contacts with police. One app is called the Cop Recorder 2, which is used for audio recordings, and the other is called OpenWatch Recorder, which allows the user to select either audio or video monitoring. Once the app is activated, the cell phone screen reverts back to the home screen or other function used before activating the monitoring application. Consequently, a police officer observing the cell phone would not be able to spot that a recording was being made of the citizen/police encounter.

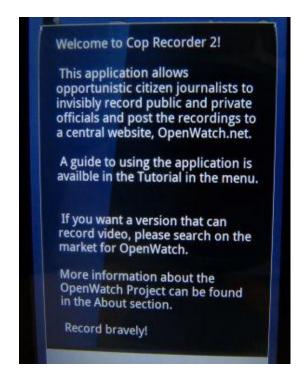
The apps can be downloaded at:



http://openwatch.net/apps/

#### **OPEN WATCH APPS...**

In Germany, recording any conversation without consent of all parties involved, whether in public or private, over the telephone or in person, is a violation of law. There are limited exceptions, such as when a person gives a public speech, or when the conversation is otherwise not private, i.e. was not intended to be so and can readily be overheard by others not part of the conversation.

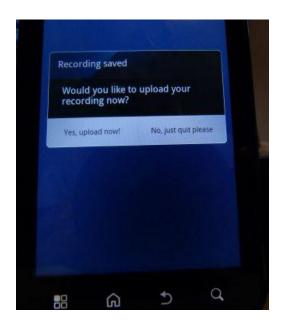


Above the welcome screen of the Cop Recorder 2 application. The intent of the application.

Below: Clicking on Record Audio starts the recording and blanks out the Cop Recorder Screen.



Below: Cop Recorder 2 Upload option



**OPENWATCH RECORDER** 

This application allows the user to select the type of recording desired, i.e. audio or video, and includes a form for entering basic information about the video/audio recorded before it is uploaded to the OpenWatch server with the touch of a button.

#### **OPEN WATCH APPS......**



The video or audio uploaded with any of the two apps, can be accessed and viewed over the Internet by anyone.

The presence of the two apps can be determined by looking at the list of all apps installed on a cell phone. Below a screen shot showing the logos for OpenWatch and Cop Recorder apps:



In an interesting side note, on 30 Oct 2011 the organization TransparentByDefault has filed a Freedom of Information (FOI) request with the FBI for release of any/all documents mentioning the "Cop Recorder" application for iPhone and Android, and the

OpenWatch Project. The FOI request can be viewed at:

http://www.muckrock.com/foi/view/unitedstates-of-america/cop-recorderopenwatch/902/



#### **DENMARK**

An Islamic group in Denmark has demanded the creation of "Sharia Zones" in areas populated by Muslims. Morals police would monitor and enforce Islamic proscriptions against alcohol use, gambling and the frequenting of discotheques 24/7. Groups with similar aims are active in Great Britain, Belgium, France and Spain.

In some German cities Sharia law judges already issue rulings in conflicts between Muslims based on Islamic rules. Berlin is one of them and though the practice is not specifically allowed, German authorities have not intervened.





Retired German police officer Karlheinz Mayer (center) with police in Czech Republic.

#### JAPANESE LANGUAGE CRIMINOLOGY NEWSLETTER



The first criminology department newsletter was published in Japanese in November 2011. The newsletter is a joint effort by Dr. George KIKUCHI and Dr. H. Otto Schweizer, with additional assistance by Mrs. Miho The newsletter primarily Schweizer. contains information that would be of interest to Japanese police and the first is being distributed to police in issue

Miyazaki prefecture. The newsletter is sponsored by the Karlsruhe Germany Branch of the International Police Association and will be accessible at the German IPA website at:

http://www.ipa-karlsruhe.de/aktuell and through Dr. Schweizer's website at: http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/newsle tter/japanese/news.htm



Screen shot of part of front page.

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#### **INTERNSHIPS & EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Program Name**

Cybersecurity Internship Program

#### Description

The Cybersecurity Internship Program is designed to give current students an opportunity to work alongside of cyber leaders with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Interns are recruited from the nation's top undergraduate and graduate programs to put their academic achievements and intellect to use during a critical time in American history. Interns will have the opportunity to apply concepts, protocols and tools acquired through coursework in the real world by working side by side with experts in cybersecurity. Internships focus on mission areas such as identification and analysis of malicious code, forensics analysis, incident handling, intrusion detection and prevention, and software assurance. Interns will have the opportunity to be selected into the Secretary's Honors Program for Cybersecurity Professionals or Emerging Leaders in Cybersecurity Fellowship after graduation.

#### **Program Length**

Participants spend ten weeks in the program. The skills obtained through this program will vary based on the component's mission.

#### Component

National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD)

#### Location

Washington, D.C.

#### Salary

The approximate salary is \$5,800 for the 10-week, full-time, internship. Salary will be determined based on prior work experience and education.

#### Please see

http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc 1 297806384624.shtm for further details about the internship opportunity.

#### **CHDS ESSAY COMPETITION**

The information below was forwarded by LT. David NEWTON of the Fresno Police Dept.

Greetings from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS),

Approximately six weeks remain to submit an entry for the 2012 CHDS Essay Competition. Entries for the competition are being accepted through January 31, 2012.

This year's competition asks writers to: Identify a theory or insight from a field outside homeland security that has not been applied to homeland security but should be.

The winning entry and four top finalist essays will be considered for publication by <u>Homeland Security Affairs</u>, the online academic journal published by the CHDS.

This competition strives to stimulate original thought on issues in homeland security and homeland defense. Responses may be general or focus on a specific aspect (organizational, policy, strategy, practice, technological innovation, social impact, etc.) or discipline/field, (emergency management,

#### **DHS ESSAY COMPETITION...**

public health, law enforcement, critical infrastructure, intelligence, etc.). Essays may

be written from any perspective - e.g. government, private sector, cultural, local community or citizen.

Previous winning entries have addressed the power of social media in homeland security, the possibility of linking emergency response and public health with the poison control system and promoting the use of rhetorical tools to help frame the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's mission. Last year's winning entry, authored by Yee San Su of CNA Safety and Security in was titled "On the Alexandria. Va.. Challenge of Assessing National Preparedness."

The competition is open to everyone with an interest in homeland defense and security. Current CHDS faculty, staff, students and graduates are not eligible. Winners will be announced no later than May 31, 2012. The winning entry receives a \$1,000 cash prize.

For information and instructions, visit <a href="https://www.chds.us/?essay/overview">www.chds.us/?essay/overview</a>. If you have already submitted an entry, please respond to this email and confirm your submission.

Best, Heather

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#### LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT



#### Sergeant, Public Safety Office

Closing Date/Time: Fri. 01/06/12 11:59 PM

Pacific Time Salary: Depends on Qualifications Job Type: Full-Time

Location: Main Campus, 1928 Saint Mary's Road, Moraga, CA 94556, California

http://agency.governmentjobs.com/stmarys/job\_bulletin.cfm?JobID=395316



## Police Recruit City of San Diego, California

T10027 Class #: 1697
Closing Date/Time: Continuous
\$1,612.80 - \$1,943.20 Biweekly
\$41,932.80 - \$50,523.20 Annually
<a href="http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sandiego/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=34126">http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sandiego/default.cfm?action=viewJob&jobID=34126</a>
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#### SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPT.



#### **Police Officers**

Location: San Francisco Job Id: -22800 Job

Rate: Salary \$78,156 to \$104,598

http://www.sacjobs.com/job\_view.cfm?ID= 26498

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT...



Job Title: Park Ranger (Protection), GS-0025-07 Department: Department Of The Interior

Agency: National Park Service

Job Announcement Number: SROC-YOSE-12-566541

http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/303489500



### Police Officer Lateral or Academy Graduate

Closing Date/Time: Mon. 12/12/11 5:00 PM Salary: \$30.79 - \$41.76 Hourly \$5,336.93 - \$7,238.40 Monthly \$64,043.20 - \$86,860.80 Annually www.cityofirvine.org/ipdjobs

## STUDENT ID CARDS FOR STUDENTS ADMITTED TO OFF CAMPUS DEGREE PROGRAM

Since the beginning of external degree programs at CSU Fresno, none of the students in such programs were provided a student ID card. This inequity has resulted in efforts to change this. Over the past few months, *Mr. Anthony Forestiere and the Division of Continuing and Global Education* have been working out the kinks of a new ID process for individuals admitted to off campus degree programs managed by the Division of Continuing and Global Education.

Beginning with the spring 2011 semester all students enrolled in credit based programs off campus or with CGE can be issued a CGE student ID card which will look like the sample shown below:



The ID card can be used for printing in campus computer labs & library labs, purchasing food, photocopying and accessing library materials. It will also authorize access to the University Health Center with a copay/plan.

There is a \$5 per semester fee and a \$10 replacement cost for the ID card, which is the same as for students in traditional on campus programs.

The ID will, of course, be recognized by a variety of businesses and other organizations as proof of student status and can quality the holder for various discounts enjoyed by all students.

## OFF CAMPUS

## CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM

#### **SPRING 2012**

Spring 2012 courses are now listed and current students in the off campus B.S. degree program may register on line at any time before the start of the first class. Students receiving financial aid must register for all four spring classes at one time before the beginning of the first class in February. Such students must use a hard copy registration form and cannot register on line since the automated registration system cannot verify financial aid status and will drop a student who registers and then does not pay within 24 hours.

Students who already have "credit" amounts listed in their student account at Fresno State, can register on line and the account will then be debited for the amount owed.

Courses in the off campus program are now delivered in a Multi-Mode Format, combining face to face instruction with on line course delivery. This new format allows government employees with unpredictable work schedules greater flexibility since nearly half of instruction is on line.

Spring 20012 courses are as follows:

#### FEBRUARY/MARCH

Crim 112 Professionalism in Criminal Justice, Feb 6-26 March, taught by Dr. H.O. SCHWEIZER (haralds@csufresno.edu)



Dr. H.O. Schweizer
All course materials will be provided or made available on line.

Meets Mondays February 6, 27, and March 26, and on Saturdays 4 February and 3 March. The remainder of the instruction will be on line.

Crim 170 Research Methods
February 1- 21, March taught by Dr. G.
KIKUCHI (gkikuchi@csufresno.edu)



Dr. George Kikuchi

#### SPRING 12 OFF CAMPUS COURSES...

**TEXT:** Bachman, R. and R. K. Schutt. (2011) Fundamentals of Research in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 2nd Edition. Sage Publication. (Order from Amazon.com)

Meets Wednesdays February 1, 8, and March 21, and on Saturdays February 18 and March 17. The remainder of the instruction will be on line.

#### **APRIL/MAY**

CRIM 117-Criminal Legal Process
2 April-May 21, taught by Prof. M. STEVENS (mstevens@csufresno.edu)



**Prof. M. Stevens**Meets Mondays 1800-2200 on April 2, 9
and May 21. Meets Saturdays 0800-1430 on
April 7, May 5

LING 115 Language, Culture and Society (Upper Division GE Course, area IC) April 4-May 23, taught by Dr. Chandra SHEKAR (chandra2@csufresno.edu)

This course requires TWO in class orientations, but is otherwise an ON-LINE course. All students must have a functional computer and internet access.

Attendance is required at an orientation from 1800-2000 on April 4 and a final face to face meeting from 1800-2000 on May 23.

Courses offered during Fall 2012 and subsequent semesters are listed at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downt owndegreeoverview.htm

## The AK-47 A gun that made history



Lieutenant General **Mikhail Timofeyevich Kalashnikov,** born on 10 November 1919, and the inventor of the famous AK-47 (Avtomat Kalashnikov) in 1947, is still alive and recently celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday.



(photo from Wikipedia)

So far, more than 100 Million AK-47s have been manufactured world-wide, but in October 2011 the Russian government decided to suspend the production of AK-47s for the next two years during which it will examine the feasibility of adopting a replacement to the AK-47. In consideration of Kalashnikov's advanced age, however, he was not informed of this decision.