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CUBAN TEACHERS RECIEVE JAIL SENTENCES FOR ACCEPTING BRIBES.
HAVANA, DEC 10, REUTER -- ELEVEN TEACHERS AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN
HAVANA WERE SENTENCED FROM SIX MONTHS TO FOUR YEARS IN JAIL
FOR FALSIFYING EXAMINATIONS OF THEIR STUDENTS AND FRAUDULENTLY
PROMOTING THEM IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY AND OTHER GIFTS, THE
NEWSPAPER TRIBUNA REPORTED.

THE SCANDAL IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND MADE PUBLIC IN THE CUBAN
PRESS. IT COMES IN THE MIDST OF A CAMPAIGN, INITIATED BY CUBAN
PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO EARLIER THIS YEAR, TO WAGE AN AGRESSIVE
BATTLE AGAINST CORRUPTION. IT ALSO REFLECTS A NEW POLICY OF THE
CUBAN NEWS MEDIA TO OPENLY REPORT SHORTCOMINGS.

THE TEACHERS, INCLUDING AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPLE, FROM
THE ANTONIO GUITERAS HIGH SCHOOL, ALLOWED STUDENTS WHO AGREED TO
PAY THE BRIBES TO WORK ON THE EXAMINATIONS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.
ONE TEACHER WAS ACCUSED OF CHARGING STUDENTS FOR HELPING THEM WITH
WITH PREPARATION FOR EXAMS ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES. STUDENTS WERE
PROMOTED IN EXCHANGE FOR PAYMENT AND IN SEVERAL CASES, STUDENTS
WERE GIVEN CREDIT FOR COURSES WHICH THEY DID NOT TAKE.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THEIR FAVORS, THE TEACHERS RECEIVED MONEY
OR GIFTS OF ITEMS WHICH ARE EXPENSIVE OR IN SHORT SUPPLY IN CUBA
SUCH AS WATCHES, CALCULATORS, PERFUMES, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
AND VIDEO CASSETTES, TRIBUNA SAID.

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