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Further information on UA 208/91 (AMR 25/14/91, 14 June 1991) - Possible Prisoner of Conscience

CUBA: David MOYA ALFONSO, aged 24

Amnesty International has learned that David Moya Alfonso has been allowed to emigrate to the USA. It is not yet clear whether he paid the fine imposed on him at his trial on 31 May 1991 or whether the case against him was dropped.

He had been accused of **desacato**, disrespect, under article 144 of the Cuban Penal Code after he had failed to answer a summons issued in December 1990 following a press conference he gave in Havana concerning the situation of human rights in Cuba. Eleven policemen at the trial reportedly testified that he had publicly and offensively called President Fidel Castro a violator of human rights. Following the trial, there were unconfirmed reports that he was going to refuse to pay the fine which was due for payment by the end of June 1991, in which case he would have risked imprisonment for 180 days.

Amnesty International believed that, if imprisoned, he would have been a prisoner of conscience, detained for peacefully expressing his opinions concerning the Cuban human rights situation.

No further action is required. Thank you to all who sent appeals.