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## AN ILLEGAL RAVE PARTY INVOLVED 2500 GUESTS TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR EVE 2020

### IN BRITTANY DESPITE COVID-19 MEASURES

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**USPA NEWS** - An illegal party involving 2,500 participants, of the "Rave Party" type took place to celebrate the New Year's Eve, celebration, 40km from reindeer, in Brittany. While a curfew is in force throughout the territory, the police, who had deployed 100,000 throughout France, did not intervene given the state of intoxication and the aggressive behavior of certain guests, did not intervene and they waited, the next day, after 36 hours of celebration, for the participants to come out of the giant hangar where the "rave party" had taken place. Over 1200 of those invited are fined (135€). The authorities are now looking for a solution to exercise traceability of the contagion of COVID-19, among the participants, who do not wear a mask during the holiday.

### THE RAVE PARTY WITH 2,500 PARTICIPANTS WAS ORGANIZED VIA THE INTERNET & SOCIAL NETWORKS IN A SECRET PLACE-----

On the evening of New Year's Eve, of 2020 when France is subject to an 8h pm curfew, to prevent illicit gatherings, with 100,000 police and gendarmes mobilized, throughout France. The evening was organized via social networks which are now closely investigated by the security forces. A meeting point, kept secret, until the last minute to better avoid being spotted by the police for this New Year brought together 2,500 people south of Rennes (Ille-et-Vilaine ) has shown the state's inability to prevent this type of event in times of COVID-19. The party took place on December 31 evening, scheduled for 26 hours non-stop, in two large hangars in the town of Lieuron. Brittany being a region of the west of France, has been spared by COVID-19 since the start of the epidemic in France, finds itself at the heart of all discussions on the part of politicians, and the public opinion in shock ... despite the strict restrictions linked to the COVID-19 epidemic, while the majority of French people are limited to family or friendly meetings to six (6) in the face of the resurgence of COVID-contaminations- 19.-----

The place of the gathering is only known at the last moment. "It was broadcast after 8 p.m., after the start of the curfew" and "the security forces recorded it at the same time as the potential participants", indicated the prefect of Ille-et-Vilaine and the region. Emmanuel Berthier, who had banned the demonstration. "Jo", one of the participants in the party, who came from Alsace, had indeed explained to AFP on Friday that he had joined a meeting point on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of a shopping center, before the top departure is given and they are not guided to Lieuron. Some of the young people who participated in this party explain to the television journalists, being aware of their carelessness and quaking the difficult schedule of 2020, they needed decompresses, far from the bans linked to the COVID-19 pandemic

### THE GENDARMES CONTINUE TO CHECK AND PURSUE THE ORGANISERS GERALD DARMANIN MIN OF INTERIOR SAID-----

"The gendarmes continue to check and pursue the organizers," added Gérald Darmanin. "Truck, sound equipment and generators were seized in the place of the illegal #raveparty. The investigation is continuing and the gendarmes are continuing their investigations and their checks so that this illicit event is severely punished", underlined the minister of the Interior.

"The internal security forces, numerous this night at my request and the intensive controls put in place, lead to the stop of the illegal rave party in #Lieuron without violence. We continue the controls and the verbalization of each participant from his departure of the site," Gérald Darmanin also tweeted.

According to the prefecture, the number of "chirps" was estimated at 2,500 people at the height of the evening, "from different departments and from abroad". Five Finistériens in their twenties, interviewed by AFP, claimed to have learned of the existence of the evening "by word of mouth". "There were even foreigners, Spaniards and Italians," they explained, confirming information from the prefecture. Party people from Belgium and Great Britain were also present according to Jo, a participant from Alsace. The latter joined a meeting point on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the parking lot of a shopping center before heading towards Lieuron. This is also explained by Justine, a participant: "The first information was disclosed at 2 pm, then a second wave at 4 pm to join the convoy in Redon". Before Lieuron was chosen, Châteaubriant and Chantepie were mentioned and the doubt was maintained as long as possible. Source AFP

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