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Italian woman who revealed affair to lover's wife fined for harassment



An Italian woman who made anonymous calls to her lover's wife to tell her of their affair has been told she must pay a €400 (£287) fine for harassment.

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The woman, named locally as Annamaria D.R., also told her lover's wife about other affairs her husband had allegedly been having in Bari and Potenza, southern Italy.

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She argued in court during an appeal hearing that because her lover's wife did not hang up on her calls immediately, it was clear she was interested in what was being said.

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The mistress tried to overturn a conviction of harassment originally issued by the Court of Potenza in 2013.

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However, Italy's Supreme Court in Rome ruled that the fact the wife did not interrupt the calls "cannot be seen as acquiescence on the wife's part, given the serious nature of what was being revealed."

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"The petulant and disturbing nature of the calls is shown in the anonymous forms they took," said the ruling.

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The court upheld the original conviction of harassment, with judges saying that an anonymous call to reveal an affair is a reprehensible act regardless of whether the claim is true.

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The mistress called her lover's wife a total of three times, once from her office phone and twice from her mobile, to tell her that her husband had betrayed her many times and continued to do so. One call lasted 28 minutes, another 11 minutes.

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The wife, who cannot be named due to privacy laws, later decided to file a complaint and requested the examination of her phone records to trace the call.

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According to a 2010 survey, **half of Italians** have extramarital affairs. The study by the Italian Association for Family Lawyers found that 55 per cent **of men** and 45 per cent of women cheat on their wives or husbands.

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In around half of cases, cheating partners are found out through indiscreet mobile phone text messages, emails betray one in five and a further one in 10 are given away by anonymous letters.

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Vocabulary

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acquiescence: ??

petulant???

reprehensible?????

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