

## **José Antonio Torres (m)**

**Adoption Status:** Not Adopted

**Country:** Cuba

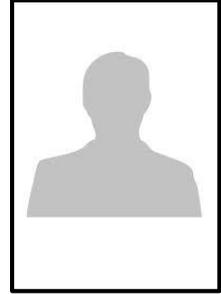
**Occupation:** Former correspondent for the government newspaper, *Granma*, in Santiago.

**Detained Since:** February 2011

**Charges:** Espionage

**Sentence:** 14 years imprisonment

**Additional:** Torres was arrested in February 2011 after writing an article that was published in July 2010 about the mismanagement of a Santiago aqueduct project and the laying of a fibre-optic cable from Venezuela. For his critical take on the projects, Torres was sentenced in July 2011 after a closed trial to 14 years in prison for espionage. In addition his university degree in journalism was withdrawn. According to Reporters Without Borders, Cuba's state-run media has made only a few brief references to Torres and little is known about the espionage charges. There are rumors that he may have offered confidential information to the U.S. diplomatic mission in Havana.



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