

U.S. Woman Sentenced in Smuggling Case

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Federal prosecutors in New York City say a Latvian-born woman who has drawn comparisons to a spy with the same first name will spend four months in jail for trying to smuggle high-tech rifle scopes to Russia.

Prosecutors said Monday that Anna Fermanova also was sentenced to four months of house arrest. The Plano, Texas, woman pleaded guilty in January.

The 25-year-old Fermanova was caught at New York's Kennedy airport last year with the scopes stashed in her luggage. Her lawyer says they were meant for a relative at a Moscow gun club.

News reports have compared Fermanova to Russian Anna Chapman, who became a tabloid sensation after being accused in a New York spy ring. Chapman was sent back to Russia as part of a spy swap.

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