

## Luxury handbag designer jailed for wildlife smuggling, making merchandise out of protected species

### Description

Headline: Designer Caught Selling Bags Made Of Endangered Reptiles

A famous bag designer was recently caught smuggling purses. The person, Nancy Teresa Gonzalez de Barberi, used the skin of protected creatures to make these purses. She was the founder of the luxury bag company Gzuniga. The United States Department of Justice sent her to prison for 18 months.

She was not the only one in the crime. Another person, Mauricio Giraldo, also got a jail punishment. The company had to let go of all their bags and other goods. They cannot do any business with wildlife products for the next three years.

The skins used by the company come from two protected types of animal - the caiman and python. These animals are being shielded by international laws to keep them safe.

Members of the company transported hundreds of bags to the US by different means. When in the US, they sold these illegal bags at their showroom in New York. Their crime went on from February 2016 until April 2019.

The legal and wildlife authorities are dedicated to stopping such actions. They want to keep the animals safe from being sold for profit. They are thankful for the support from partners in other countries. They promise to keep making sure the laws are followed.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Smuggling** // (noun): The illegal transportation of goods.
2. **Founder** // (noun): A person who establishes an organization or business.
3. **Punishment** // (noun): A penalty imposed for breaking a law or rule.
4. **Shielded** // (adjective): Protected or defended against harm or danger.
5. **Transported** // (verb): Carried or conveyed from one place to another.
6. **Illegal** // (adjective): Contrary to or forbidden by law.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which illegal activity involves the transportation of goods secretly?  
Option: Drug trafficking  
Option: Human trafficking  
Option: Smuggling  
Option: Counterfeiting
2. Who is a person officially charged with a crime?  
Option: Judge  
Option: Witness  
Option: Prosecutor  
Option: Accused
3. Which term refers to a prolonged public dispute or debate?  
Option: Consensus  
Option: Agreement  
Option: Compromise  
Option: Controversy
4. Who belongs to a king or queen?  
Option: Vassal  
Option: Commoner



- Option: Regent
- Option: Royal

5. Which popular streaming platform offers a wide range of movies and TV shows?

- Option: Hulu
- Option: Amazon Prime Video
- Option: Disney+
- Option: Netflix

6. Which genre of book is a written account of one's life by oneself?

- Option: Biography
- Option: Novel
- Option: Fiction
- Option: Autobiography

7. Which form of entertainment presents stories through the medium of television?

- Option: Variety show
- Option: Soap opera
- Option: News broadcast
- Option: Television drama

8. What is the condition of being unwell especially within the body?

- Option: Strength
- Option: Fitness
- Option: Health
- Option: Illness

9. Which term describes the action of moving something or someone from one place to another?

- Option: Trapped
- Option: Destroyed
- Option: Transported
- Option: Hidden

10. What is the legally or formally recognized union of two people as partners in a personal relationship?

- Option: Engagement
- Option: Marriage
- Option: Separation
- Option: Divorce

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



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11. Steve Jobs was one of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Apple Inc.
  12. The author \_\_\_\_\_ his latest book last month.
  13. The couple sat on the couch \_\_\_\_\_ and watching a movie.
  14. The children were very \_\_\_\_\_ about going to the theme park.
  15. Due to bad weather they are \_\_\_\_\_ the outdoor event until next weekend.
  16. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ her students in pursuing their dreams.
  17. The witness felt \_\_\_\_\_ by the intimidating questions from the prosecutor.
  18. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ from the storm by a large metal structure.
  19. She was \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment.
  20. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ the instructions carefully to complete the task.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



21. After committing the crime the criminal awaited his punishment.
22. The prisoner's family was allowed a brief visitation at the correctional facility.
23. The company's spokesman addressed the media regarding the product recall.
24. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a grand party.
25. The office was abuzz with rumors of upcoming layoffs.
26. Mark Zuckerberg is known as one of the founders of Facebook.
27. The political candidate faced accusations of corruption during the election campaign.
28. The coach supports his team through both victories and defeats.
29. The doctor diagnosed her illness as a common cold.
30. She was excited about the upcoming trip to Europe.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Smuggling 2. Accused 3. Controversy 4. Royal 5. Netflix 6. Autobiography 7. Television drama 8. Illness 9. Transported 10. Marriage

**Gap-Fill:** 11. founders 12. published 13. cuddling 14. excited 15. postponing 16. supports 17. threatened 18. shielded 19. unable 20. follow

**Matching sentence:** 1. Punishment 2. Visitation 3. Spokesman 4. Anniversary 5. Rumours 6. Founder 7. Accusations 8. Supports 9. Illness 10. Excited

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