

# *Italian Court Rules Homeless Man's Theft of Food Not a Crime*

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Rome, May 12 (RHC)-- Italy's highest appeals court has ruled stealing small amounts of food if you're hungry is not a crime. The case concerned a homeless man who was convicted of theft and sentenced to six months in jail for stealing \$4.50 worth of cheese and meat.

The court overturned his conviction, saying he had taken the food "in the face of the immediate and essential need for nourishment."

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