

Youngest son of former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro indicted

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Brasilia, February 16 (RHC)-- Brazil's Federal District Civil Police filed charges on Thursday against Renan Bolsonaro, the youngest son of former president Jair Bolsonaro (2019-2022), in relation to money laundering and other offences, according to local media reports.

The G1 portal reported that police are charging Renan Bolsonaro with "ideological falsehood, use of false documents and money laundering." In addition to Renan Bolsonaro, Maciel Alves, who was his former shooting instructor and partner in the company RB Eventos e Mídia, which belongs to the former president's son, is also accused of the same crimes.

According to the investigation report submitted by the police to the justice system on 8 February, it reveals that Bolsonaro Jr. and his partner falsified invoicing data of their company in order to apply for bank loans. They claimed that the company reported a turnover of 4.6 million reais (924,000 dollars), a figure that never existed, which allowed them to access multiple loans.

The investigation reveals that in December 2023, they owed the bank 360,241 reais (\$72,400). In his statements to the police, Renan Bolsonaro claimed that he did not recognise his signature on the forged documents, but experts confirmed their authenticity.

The police also accuse them of money laundering, as the loans were channelled through the account of a front man who turned out to be a "fictitious person".

Renan Bolsonaro, 25, is the only one of the former president's four sons who is not in politics. His brothers are Carlos, a councillor in Rio de Janeiro, Eduardo, a congressman, and Flávio, a senator.

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