



The Department

Case 3: Canadians Imprisoned Abroad

There are over 2200 Canadians imprisoned abroad. Jeff and Leah are two of them.

They thought they would have a little fun. They bought drugs and got caught. Now they are in prison and will remain there for a long time. When they were arrested, they called the Canadian embassy for help. However, in such cases we can only ensure that they are not treated differently from other people imprisoned in that country. Our staff member visited the prisoners regularly and supplied a list of reputable lawyers. With permission from the prisoners, she contacted their families in Canada. She explained the legal process in the country where the two were being held and pointed out that in that country, prisoners must pay for food and medication. When the families could not pay, the Department provided the necessary funds. Jeff and Leah are still in prison. If a transfer to a Canadian prison is possible, we will provide the necessary documents and application forms.