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## Introduction to Fraudulent Methods used in Travel, Identity and Visa Documents

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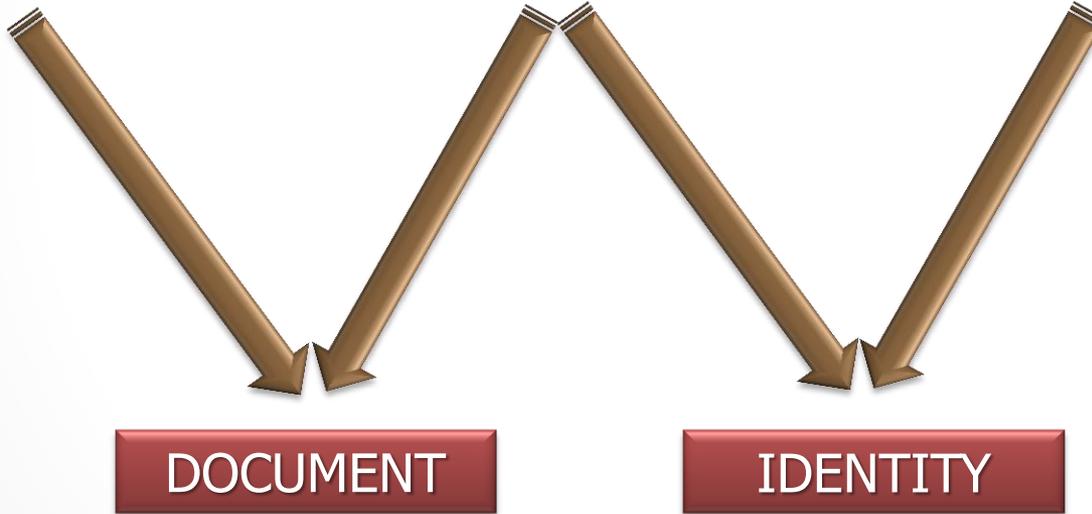
# Document Fraud

## Introduction

**MATERIAL FRAUD:**  
physical &  
electronically

**IMPOSTERS**

**FRAUDULENTLY  
OBTAINED DOCUMENTS**  
(intellectual fraud)



## Modus Operandi

- Counterfeit documents
- Forged documents
  - Blank Stolen documents
- Tampering the contactless IC
- Fraudulent obtained (without internal help)
- Fraudulent obtained (with internal help)
- ◆ Imposters
  
- Pseudo documents

## Definition

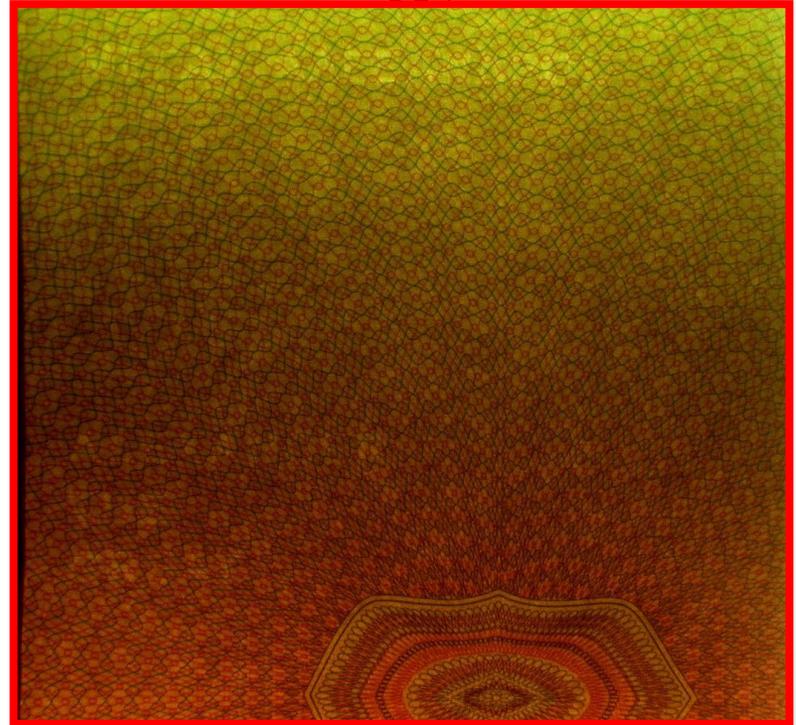
### **COUNTERFEIT DOCUMENT**

An unauthorized reproduction of an authentic/ genuine document.

[a document entirely produced by a fraudster/ forger]

# Document Fraud

Counterfeit Documents



Passport **Greece**



## Definition

### **FORGED DOCUMENTS**

Unauthorized alteration made to an authentic/ genuine document, after having been lawfully issued.

It includes, i) photo substitution, ii) page substitution, iii) data alteration (physical or chemical erasures), attacks on the visas and on the entry/ exit stamps, etc.



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## Forged Documents Photo Substitution



ID card **Portugal**



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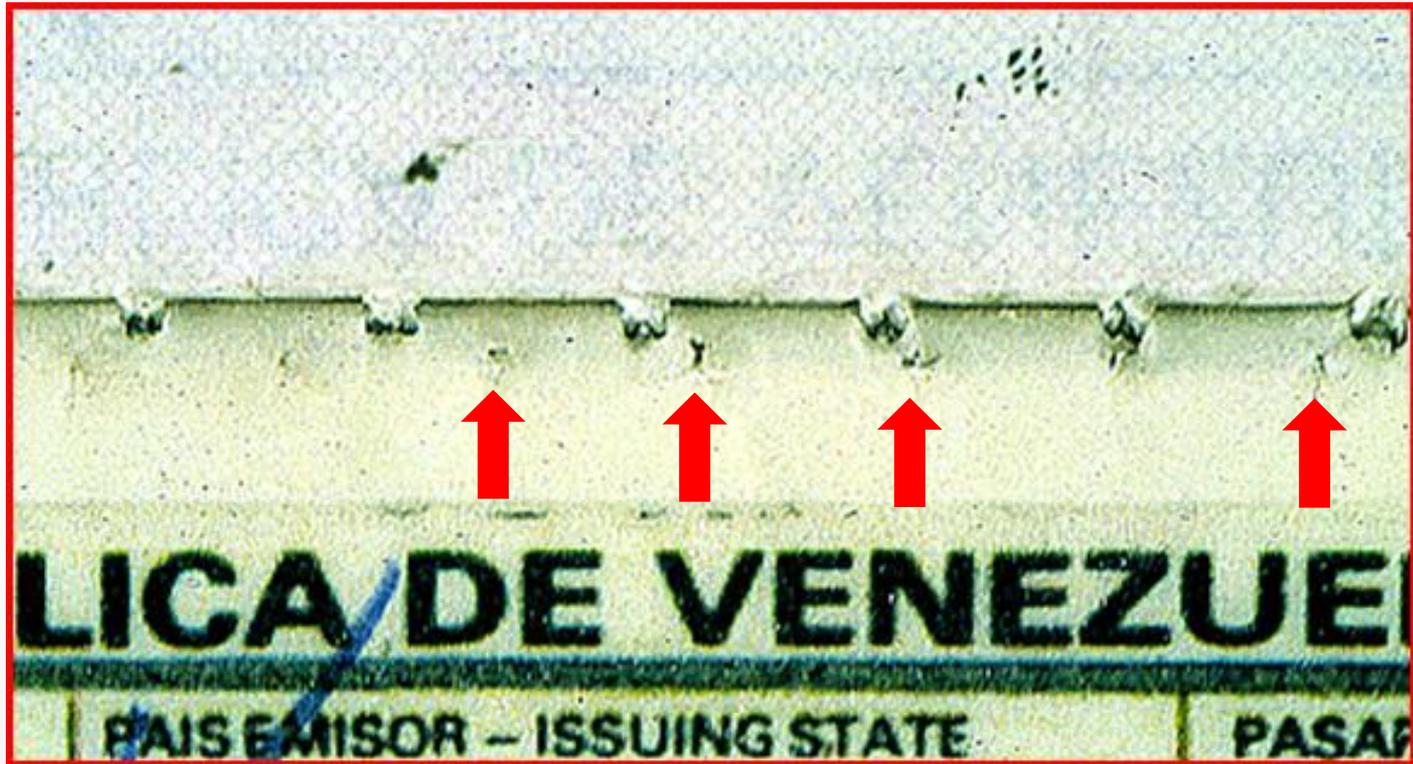
## Forged Documents Page Substitution



Passport Philippines

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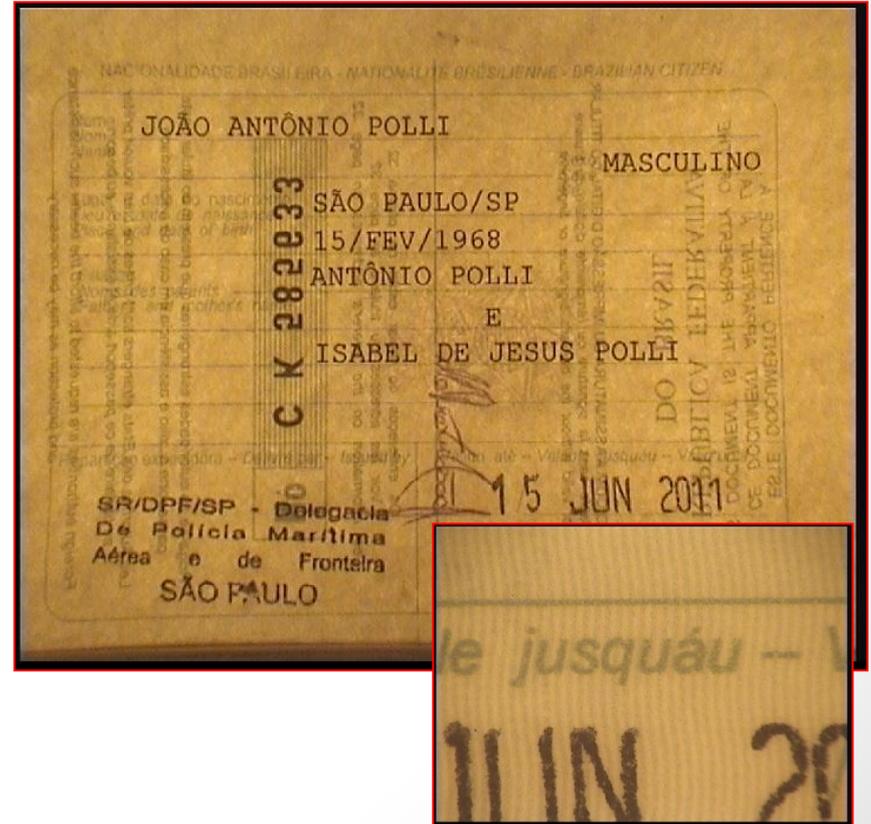
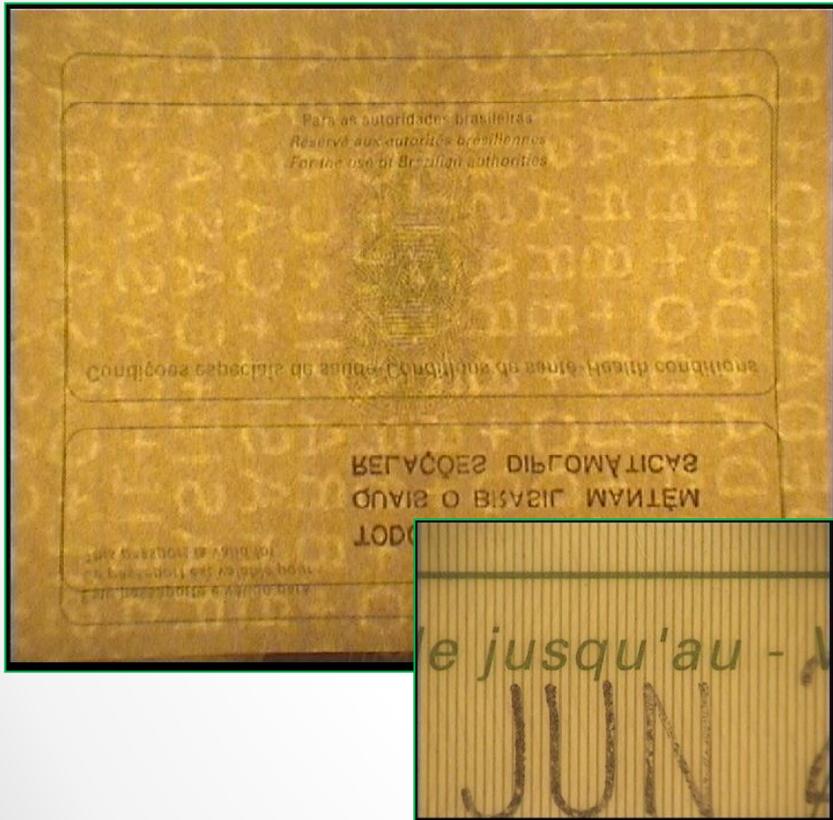
## Forged Documents Page Substitution



Passport **Venezuela**

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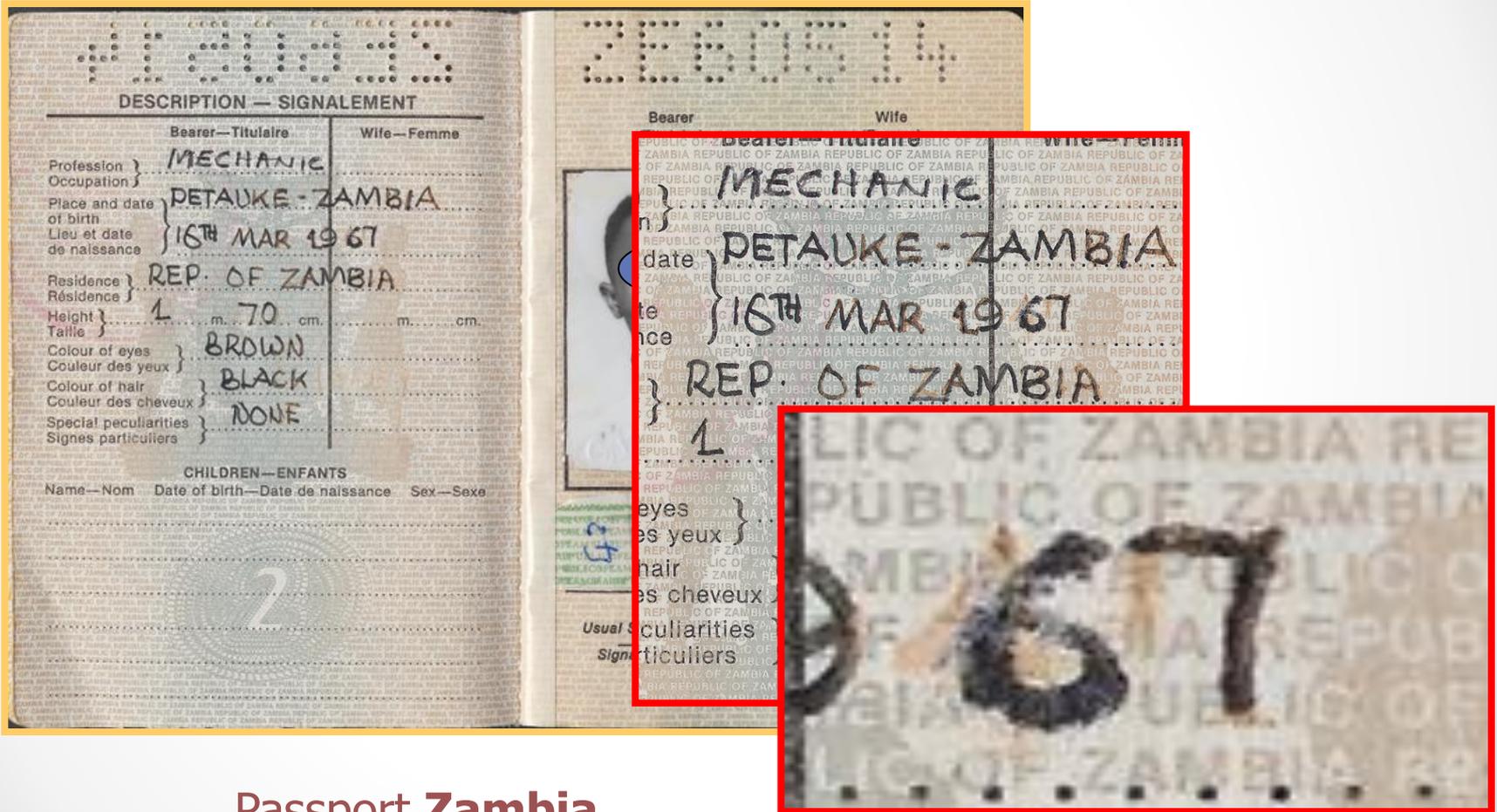
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Passport **Brazil**

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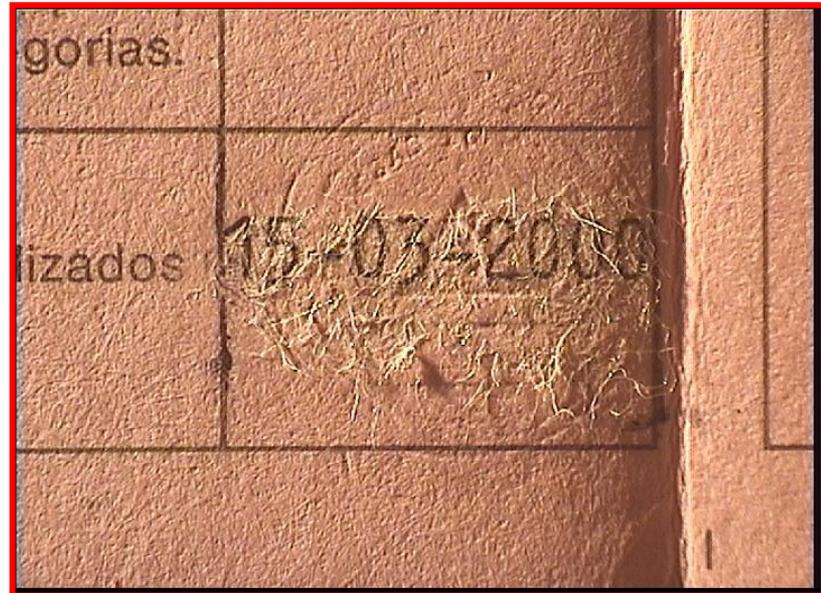
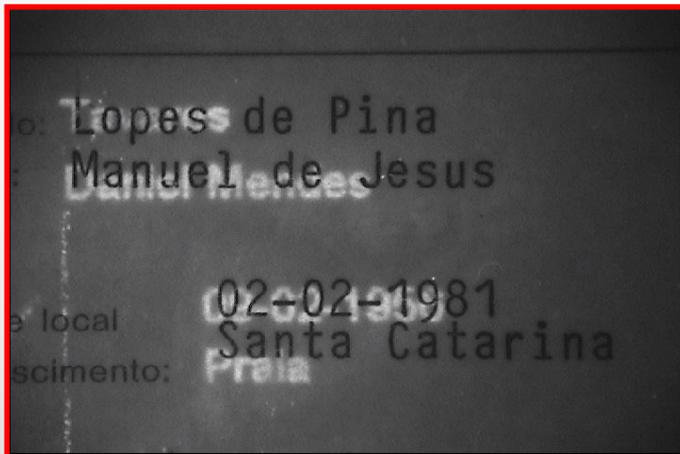
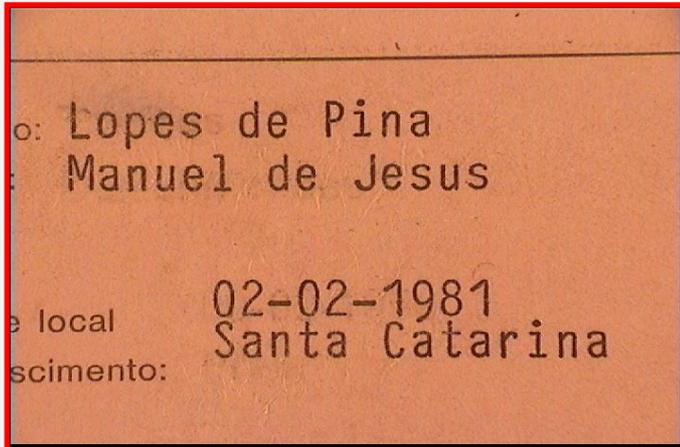
## Forged Documents Data Alteration



Passport **Zambia**

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## Forged Documents Data Alteration



Driving License **Cape Vert**

## Definition

### **BLANK STOLEN DOCUMENTS**

Authentic/ genuine documents, the blank of which, was misappropriated and personalized by an unauthorized person or entity.

[a document issued (personalized) by a fraudster/ forger]





## Definition

### **Tampering the contactless IC**

An illegal addition, alteration or destruction of a contactless Integrated Chip in a authentic/genuine document.

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## Interpretation

CASE 1



CASE 2

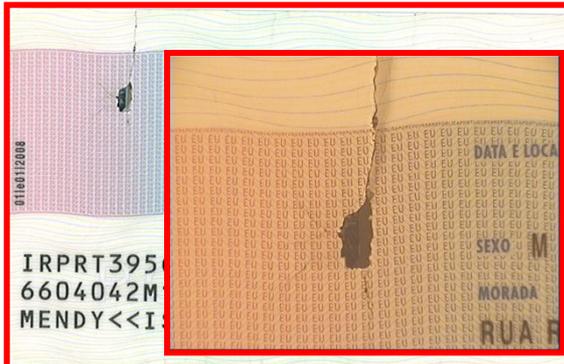


CASE 1

- Cut in the chip area | chip exposed.
- Chip failed to read

CASE 2

- Chip area was broken | chip removed



In both cases there was a deliberate intention to disable the chip in order to unblock the inspection system to read/validate the information.

### CONCLUSION:

e.TR forged by alteration of its components

Residence Permit **Portugal**

## Definition

### **FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED DOCUMENTS**

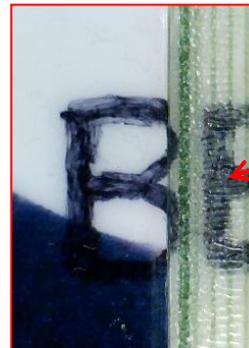
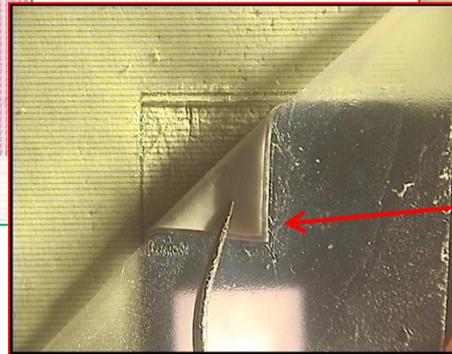
[with & without internal help]

Authentic/ genuine document issued by the legal authority, based on deception by the “applicant” through:

- the use of breeder documents, either false, counterfeited or genuine ones belonging to someone else;
- cooperation of a corrupt official
- impersonation of the rightful holder of a genuine document.

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## Fraudulent Obtained



## Residence Permit Portugal



## Definition

### **IMPOSTER**

An Imposter is someone who knowingly misrepresents him or herself by using someone else's identity or travel document, from which the biographical details and photograph resembles more or less this person, as if he or she was the rightful bearer of such document.

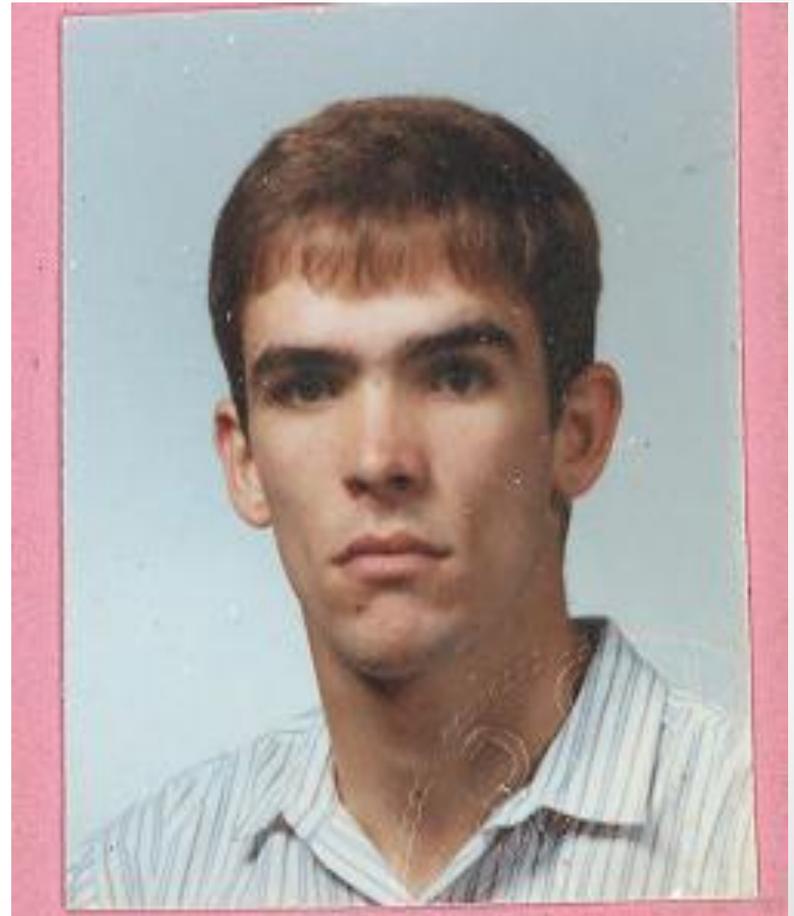
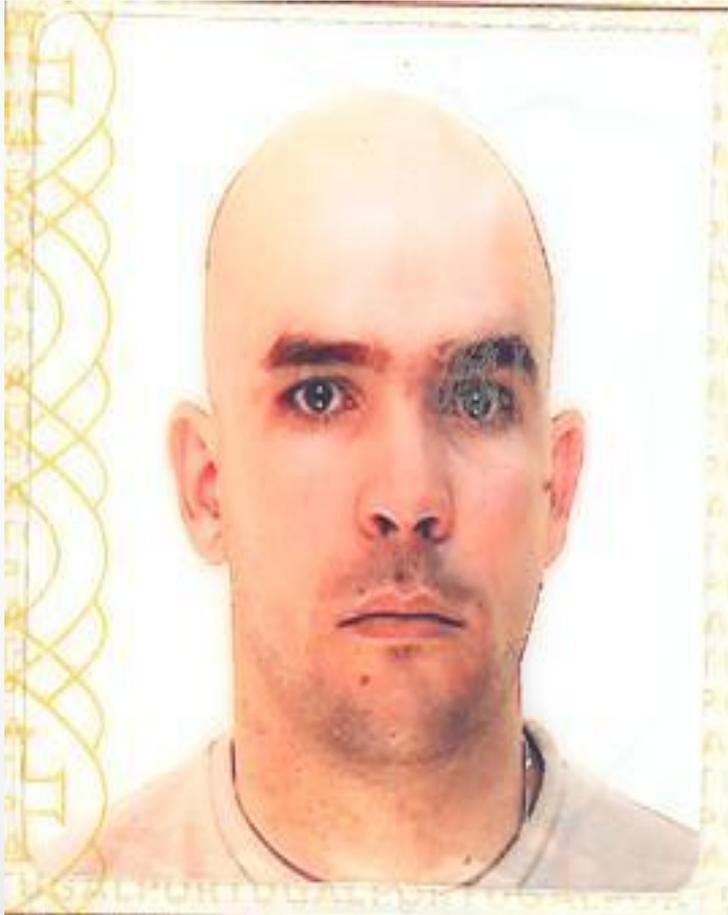
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## Imposters



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## Definition

### **PSEUDO DOCUMENTS**

Pseudo documents comprise a range of documentation which has no legal value and therefore proves neither the identity nor the nationality of an individual.

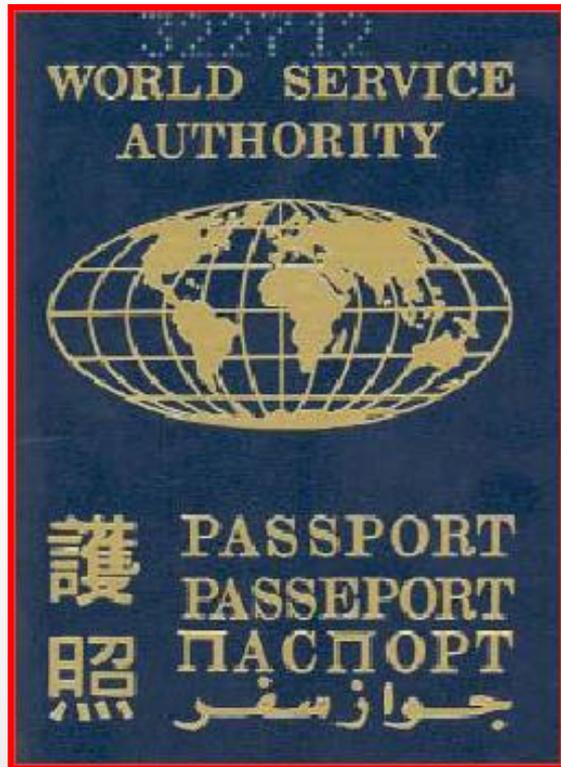
A pseudo document has the appearance of an existing document, however it is not issued by an existing and legally recognized authority of a given State or Organization, recognized under international law.

It includes: i) Fantasy documents, ii) Camouflage documents, iii) Fictitious documents, etc.

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## Fantasy Documents

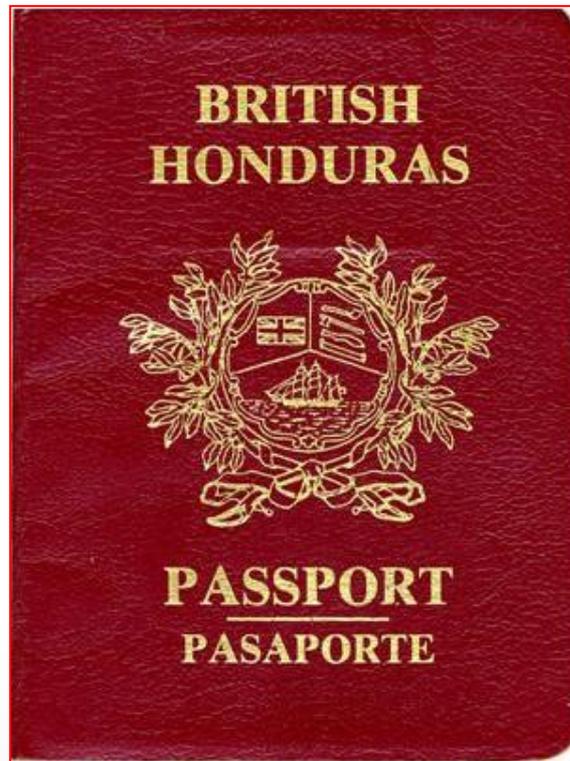
Fantasy documents bear the names of imaginary states or organizations. The issuer is neither a recognized State, nor an authorized entity/ authority; e.g. Hutt River Passport, Texas Passport, Republik Maluku SELATAN Surat Pas, World Service Authority Passport, etc.



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## Camouflage Documents

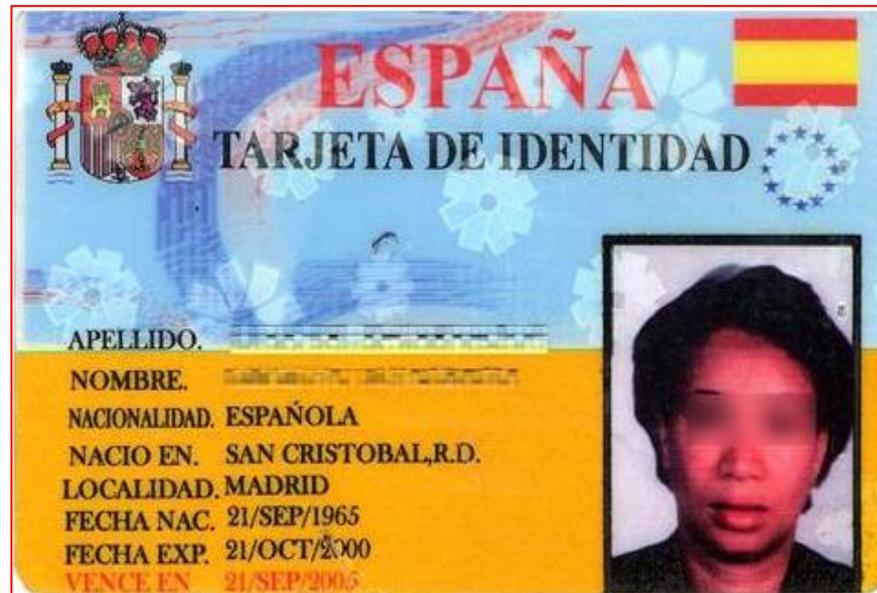
Documents that claim to come from countries or organizations that no longer exist or that have been renamed, e.g. Eastern Samoa, New Hebrides (now **Vanuatu**), British Honduras (now **Belize**), or Upper Volta (now **Burkina Faso**), etc.



# Document Fraud

## Fictitious Documents

Documents, visas or stamps that bear the name of an existing and recognized State or organization, but do not correspond to any existing real document in the country or international organization indicated.



## Examination Order

- 3. Forged documents
- 4. Tampering the contactless IC chip
- 2. Counterfeit documents
- 6. Imposters
- 7. Fraudulent obtained (without internal help)
- 8. Fraudulent obtained (with internal help)
- 1. Pseudo documents
- 5. Blank Stolen documents

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## Document Fraud Benefit e-passports

- Counterfeit documents  
- Forged documents  
- Blank Stolen documents  
- Tampering the contactless IC chip  
- Fraudulent obtained ~~without~~ (without internal help)
- Fraudulent obtained ~~with~~ (with internal help)
- Imposters 
- Fantasy documents ~~documents~~
- Camouflage documents ~~documents~~

# Thank you for your attention



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