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Intercepted by fighter planes after flying over the Flamanville nuclear power plant!

On Wednesday 9 December, the Coutances court sentenced an Italian to a fine of € 20,000. In 2006, he flew over sensitive sites in a microlight.

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The ULM notably flew over the Flamanville power plant.

It took two mirages to intercept the ULM as it flew over the Cherbourg naval base, a sensitive and prohibited area. It was October 13, 2006.

The ULM pilot, a 56-year-old Italian, however, received the order from the Deauville control tower to leave the area. With his transponder off, he continued his flight and headed for the Flamanville power station, then continued on his way to Le Mont-Saint-Michel. He must land by force at Bréville-sur-Mer, accompanied by the fighter planes. Placed in custody, he declares to be mandated by an English company to take photos of the coast, and refutes the intentional nature of the facts, claiming a breakdown of the transponder.

Judged nine years after the fact

Summoned to court on Wednesday, December 9, the defendant was absent at the hearing. Nine years after the events, the pilot was sentenced to a one-month suspended prison sentence and a heavy fine of 20,000 euros, *"in view of the costs incurred by the public authorities to intercept him,"* the court declared.

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