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Thread: [Johnny Somali sentenced to 6 months in South Korea labor prison](#)

Cooligan - April 15, 2026, 6:27 am

The streamer, Johnny Somali (aka Ramsey Khalid Ismael of Arizona, US), has been sentenced to 6 months in a South Korean labor prison due to multiple crimes he committed while vacationing in the country.

This is news many people have been waiting to hear the verdict for, and today we finally got it. Johnny Somali has officially and finally been found guilty on all charges by a South Korean court today. He was sentenced to 6 months in a South Korean Labor Prison. Interestingly enough, SK labor prisons are not common practice out there these days, and SK claims that they're now "structured as vocational training and correctional work within standard facilities" and not labor prisons. I suppose Johnny himself will know all about it very soon. #FAFO

What are your thoughts on this? Deserved? Too much time? Not enough time?
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./source #1 (detailed article):

<https://nypost.com/2026/04/15/world-news/american-youtuber-ramsey-khalid-ismael-aka-johnny-somali-sentenced-to-six-months-in-south-korean-labor-prison/>

./source #2 (first to report on it):

<https://whereisthebuzz.com/johnny-somali-found-guilty-on-all-charges-headed-to-labor-prison-in-south-korea/>

Fuckadoodledoo - April 15, 2026, 7:01 am

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Prepper - April 15, 2026, 4:50 pm

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Cooligan - April 16, 2026, 1:26 am

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I don't follow him really because over so many years he has been a disgusting person but supposedly he got released and then I seen something on tiktok that he accused the wrong person of trying to meet up with someone underage which is obviously something that can ruin innocent peoples lives.

TheNaturalBoy - April 16, 2026, 4:33 pm

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I didn't know that person, but just yesterday I found out more or less who they were through a video that explains a bit about what happened in their last stream.

The video is in Spanish, but you can switch the audio track to English :3

[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2AErpZp2Fs>]

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No, actually I'm not referring to giving him comfort or treating him like "oh, poor misunderstood young man." What I mean is whether there might be a more effective response. I'm just trying to think this through, since I'm not familiar with international law or how the legal system works in the United States.

But I would lean toward a slightly harsher sentence than what was given—maybe around five years—combined with a rehabilitation process. Because the biggest issue I see with this type of person is that they will keep doing it if there isn't a real resolution. It could even escalate and lead to someone being seriously harmed.

I would consider something like extradition or a form of enforced rehabilitation, since some of these individuals don't see prison as a real consequence of their actions—they just see it as an obstacle. Once they get past it, they return to their old habits, sometimes even more boldly, feeling like they've already gone through the most "severe" punishment, which is prison.

Personally, I would support extradition along with government pressure to push for stronger action plans within U.S. law enforcement to prevent this in the future. (Also, I would consider revoking their passport, maybe for about 10 years.)

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Exactly, and that's the problem—if someone chooses to do wrong and keeps doing it, it's better to stop it at the root as soon as possible. But I feel like even a sentence of a few months or a couple of years isn't enough; these individuals should spend more time, at least a minimum of five years in prison.

At the same time, attention needs to be given to the root of the problem, because down the line, people like this might just say, "to hell with it, I'll keep doing stupid things—I've already been in prison and gotten out, I know what it's like and it doesn't scare me."

Trying to get attention on social media and doing reckless things like that can take people pretty far, and it would be unfortunate if innocent people ended up getting hurt.