

Beijing police detain 4 for sex video that spread online

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Uniqlo has denied any involvement in the video which spread widely online last week and gave rise to jokes about fitting rooms becoming the latest make-out spots.

The [police](#) statement said the couple admitted sending the video, which was made in April, to a friend on popular mobile chatting app WeChat, and that it later somehow appeared on the Twitter-like Sina Weibo's microblogging platform.

A 19-year-old man is suspected of posting the video online and the other three of spreading obscene information, the statement said.

In China, people convicted of disseminating obscene books, films, pictures and videos face up to two years' imprisonment, while those who make obscene products for profit face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

China's cyberspace administration has already chastised two of the country's main Internet companies, Sina Corp. which runs Sina Weibo, and Tencent Holding Ltd. which runs WeChat, for allowing the video to spread.



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