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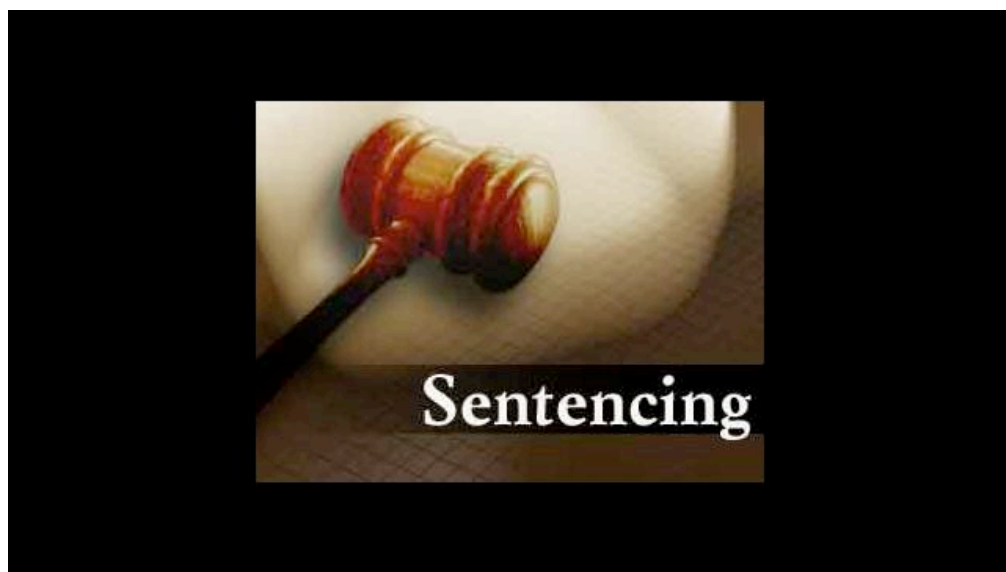
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# George "Dick" Fox sentenced to two years in prison on child porn charges

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**KSDK --** Five men were sentenced to prison terms in U.S. District Court Tuesday on charges of viewing and possessing child pornography. Among them were a Lutheran minister from Black Jack and a former municipal judge and prosecutor.

The former judge is attorney Richard "Dick" Fox, who was facing almost five years in prison, but the judge, in her discretion, sentenced Fox to two years.

Fox is accused of accessing porn for more than a year, even

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though he told some of his supporters that his access to porn was "inadvertent", according to Carrie Costantin, the Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting him.

The images on Fox's computer included those of children under the age of 1 being sexually assaulted, and children depicted in sado-masochistic images.

Fox was facing almost six years in prison, but the judge gave him two years.

Fox' friends and associates sent in dozens of letters of support, which were read by the judge. However, Judge Jean Hamilton sealed the letters, keeping them from public view.

Fox' ex-son-in-law, John Andrews, thinks Fox should have been sentenced to more time, adding that his children have been around him for months, ever since his ex-wife moved in with her father.

Now, Fox is off to prison, immediately. In court, he removed his tie, his belt, his money clip and other stuff in his pockets, blew kisses to his family, and was taken away.

In another courtroom, former minister Andrew Spalleck, was given 36 months in prison, and fined 10 thousand dollars for his crime. Both he and Fox pleaded guilty to possession of one count of possessing child porn.

Also sentenced today were three other men: Michael Ellington, 4 years and 3 months in prison; Charles Kerry, 6 and a half years in prison, and Gordon Kearns, one year and a day.

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