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Ex-Springfield police officer Pedro Martinez sentenced to two consecutive life terms in state prison for child rape

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SPRINGFIELD - Hampden Superior Court Judge Cornelius J. Moriarty on Thursday sentenced Pedro J. Martinez, a city police officer for two decades until he resigned from the force, to two consecutive terms of life in state prison for what he called "the most sordid case I have ever heard."

Martinez, 49, of Springfield pleaded guilty to 21 sexual offenses involving three victims, two of them his biological daughters and one a stepdaughter.

Assistant District Attorney Karen J. Bell asked for the two consecutive life sentences in state prison, saying she was asking for consecutive sentences because Martinez can appeal for parole after 15 years on each of the life sentences.



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Charles E. Dolan, lawyer for Martinez, asked for a sentence of 10 to 12 years in state prison, saying

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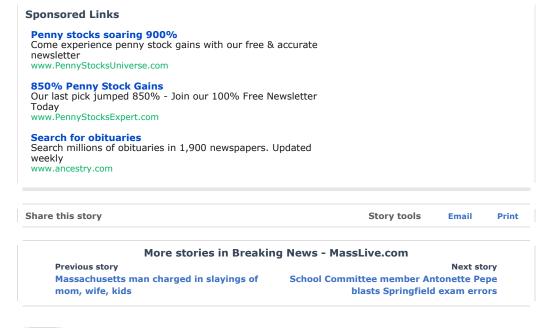
Martinez knows that he is sick and is looking forward to getting treatment.

Martinez pleaded guilty to two counts of incest; six counts of rape of a child; four counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14; three counts of posing or exhibiting a child in the nude in a lascivious manner; two counts of engaging a child in sexual conduct; two counts of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 years old or over; one count of rape; and one count of possession of child pornography.

Moriarty told Martinez he deserved significant punishment for "the utterly despicable and depraved acts that you committed."

The crimes against his daughters happened over a period of years ending in 2008. The crimes against his stepdaughter occurred more than 20 years ago when she was a child.

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I applaud the outcome of this case. Its awesome to finally see a P.O.S. getting the sentence he deserves.

Here's my problem, though. How many times are people guilty of very similar charges yet only

get 5 to 10 years in prison? How many people rape their grandmother or mentally challenged child and only get a few years? why so lenient with others and so harsh with this ultra P.O.S.? I know why but people should really think about this.

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