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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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Gross.... makes you wonder what kind of officer he was when he was active.

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Do they really need to publish who his victims were? Where is thier privacy?

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This is a difficult case. Martinez pleaded guilty to incest -- a charge that automatically narrows the field of potential victims. At that point, the two choices are to a) identify his specific relationship to the victims, or b) by default, imply that the victims might be anyone in his family closer than a first cousin.

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**jeejeejeves** June 17, 2010 at 2:03PM

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I caught that too Greg. One can easily tell by the charges who the victims were.

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Well, well, well, if it isn't "Bill Davidson." Welcome back, "Bill."

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**dklfjafasfa** June 17, 2010 at 1:21PM

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What a waste of prison space, it's crimes like this that are deserving of the death penalty.

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How sick can some people be? My heart just goes out to his unfortunate victims! I hope they get the help and counseling they deserve and need! Martinez will get what he deserves on the inside!! To steal and dilibrately cripple a child's soul should be punishable by death!

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my heart goes out to the victims but why wait so long, why wait 20 years to come forward you know. wow this man will suffer all them years cause you can believe he will be in p.c. most of the time, what he must think he will walk tru the prison like he some type of king yeah right i dont think so. i feel bad for those people but why wait so long to speak,

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Life, no parole, with a stipulation he remain in GP, and no segregation.

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**nojoke1** June 17, 2010 at 2:04PM

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this is the only crime worthy of the death penalty!  
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

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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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Because Carhart isn't the judge in this case?

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Throw away the key!!!!He's a predator. He'll NEVER rehabilitate. After all he's looking forward to treatment. My heart goes out to the young ladies involved. Get counseling , it works!!!!

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**jeejeejeves** June 17, 2010 at 2:06PM

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And here's to all you critics of Judge Moriarty, he's not the lenient "liberal judge" you think he is. He should be called fair. He rules either way, based on the evidence. Many of you chastised(sp) him in another case he ruled on. This shows he is honest.

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Was there a wife/mother living at the home during the past 20 years? If there was, did she know this was going on?

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**missrissa** June 17, 2010 at 2:19PM

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Let him loose in whatever prison he ends up in, so he can get what he gave to those girls.. I still dont think he will feel the pain that they will carry for the rest of their lives.

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