

Diddy Gets Four-Year Federal Prison Sentence for Prostitution Convictions After Explosive Trial

Sean "Diddy" Combs was convicted of transporting women across state lines for sex, acquitted of sex trafficking charges. Judge Subramanian cited “overwhelming” evidence, imposed the statutory fine, and rejected defense efforts to overturn the verdict.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs.

U.S. District Judge Arun Subramanian sentenced Sean "Diddy" Combs to just over four years in federal prison on October 3, following his July conviction on two counts of transportation to engage in prostitution under the Mann Act. The hip-hop mogul, who has been detained since his September 2024 arrest, faced a maximum of 20 years but received credit for time served,

potentially shortening his remaining incarceration.

Prosecutors had sought at least 11 years, citing the severity of the offenses, while the defense argued for 14 months, noting Combs' remorse and family ties.

The judge also imposed a \$500,000 fine—the statutory maximum—and five years of supervised release.

The case stemmed from allegations that Combs transported former girlfriends, including Casandra "Cassie" Ventura and a woman identified as "Jane," across state lines for drug-fueled sexual encounters involving paid male escorts, referred to as "freak-offs."

After an eight-week trial featuring graphic testimony and evidence, a Manhattan federal jury acquitted Combs of racketeering conspiracy and two counts of sex trafficking by force, fraud, or coercion—charges that could have resulted in life imprisonment—but convicted him on the lesser prostitution-related counts.

Subramanian denied defense motions to overturn the convictions or grant a new trial, describing the prosecution's evidence as "overwhelming."

During the sentencing hearing, Combs addressed the court directly, describing his past actions as "disgusting, shameful and sick."

In a pre-sentencing letter to the judge, he expressed deep regret, writing, "how sincerely sorry I am for all of the hurt and pain that I have caused" and admitting, "I lost my way."

His children delivered emotional impact statements pleading for leniency, while Ventura submitted a letter voicing fears of retribution and stating the sentence "should reflect the reality of the evidence and my lived experience as a victim."

The defense presented a video montage of Combs' charitable work to highlight his contributions to the community.

Subramanian underscored the gravity of Combs' conduct, noting it "irreparably harmed two women" over a decade and was facilitated by his influence and resources.

The judge referenced a post-arrest assault on Jane in June 2024, stating, "You brutally assaulted Jane," and questioned the sincerity of Combs' remorse given the timing.

He concluded by telling Combs, "you will have a chance to show your children and the world what real accountability, change and healing can look like."

A substantial sentence, the judge explained, was necessary "to send a message to abusers and victims alike that abuse against women is met with real accountability."

Combs' legal team has signaled intentions to appeal the convictions and sentence, arguing the evidence from acquitted charges prejudiced the jury.

Multiple civil lawsuits alleging abuse and misconduct against Combs remain pending, separate from the federal criminal proceedings.

The trial and sentencing drew widespread media coverage and public scrutiny, reflecting broader discussions on power dynamics in the entertainment industry.

