

Parma doctor convicted of sexually abusing patients in 2004 gets reduced sentence

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CLEVELAND - The Parma doctor convicted in 2004 of sexually abusing more than 30 of his patients will now only serve a fraction of the time behind bars he was initially sentenced.

Judge Shirley Saffold re-sentenced Dr. Assam Ahmed to 11 years in prison Tuesday. He was first sentenced to 45 years after his conviction, but his attorneys filed for a re-sentencing May 15 – and got it. Previously, Ahmed's attorneys filed for a re-sentencing in 2006 and the sentence was upheld at 45 to 55 years. Saffold is the same judge who sentenced the gynecologist in 2004.

As a result of the outcome, Ahmed will be released in 2 years and 8 months.

Speaking in court Ahmed said "I feel guilty from the bottom of my heart for the whole thing seriously. I am reformed man now and I put myself on the mercy of the courts I really do honestly."

He told the court how he has suffered and how he is a broken man now. "I ask the mercy of the community I ask the mercy of the victims and everybody," he said.

Prosecutors said they are not pleased with the judge's new sentence.

"The ruling by the court is basically wrong.," said Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor James Gutierrez. "In all due respect to Judge Saffold what she did she did not have the power to do and why in this situation when you have a man who has done what he has done to give him a reduction from 45 to 11 [years] is unacceptable."

The prosecutor plans to appeal the judge's decision, and said they believe the judge was not authorized to make this re-sentencing.

During his trial, prosecutors said Ahmed raped a patient and fondled others during medical examinations.

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Grace Baker

Dr. Assam Ahmed was my ob/gyn for over 12 years. I can only speak for myself but i've never had uncomfortable exam's by him. He performed all my surgeries with an excellent outcome and recovery. It saddens me so that this has happen. I will continue to pray for forgiveness for him if he has betrayed the scared oath that he swore to uphold.

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2. The Nat'l Practitioner Data Bank holds files on a mind-numbing 250,000 doctors , an appalling number of whom are filed under the category "Dangerous."
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Maybe Judge Saffold wants him out of prison so that she can go see him. It may be the only action she's getting.



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