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Doctor Convicted Of Rape Re-Sentenced To 45 Years In Prison

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CLEVELAND -- A Parma gynecologist convicted in 2004 of raping dozens of women was in court on Tuesday for re-sentencing.

An appeals court ordered the re-sentencing of Dr. Azzam Ahmed, saying his original sentence was too harsh.

In February 2004, Judge Shirley Strickland-Saffold sentenced Ahmed to 45 years in prison for several charges, including rape, sexual battery and sexual imposition.

Ahmed was convicted of raping a patient and fondling others during medical examinations.

The judge sentenced him to 45 years in prison again, also giving him \$20,000 fines for each first-degree felony charge and \$10,000 for each third-degree felony charge.

During his trial, 34 women testified against Ahmed, and 16 former patients have sued him for malpractice.

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