Evil Genius

America's Most Diabolical Bank Heist



Sentence- A punishment given to a defendant that is found guilty of committing a crime.

Marjorie Diehl Armstrong was sentenced twice in her life, first for the murder of her boyfriend James Roden which she plead guilty and as a result was sentenced to 7- 20 years, and secondly for the crime of conspiracy to commit armed bank robbery, armed bank robbery, and using a destructive device in a crime, she was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison.

Kenneth Barnes (a co conspirator to Marjorie) pleaded guilty to conspiring to rob a bank, ading, and abetting and was sentenced to 45 years in prison but later having his sentence halved for testifying against Marjorie Diehl.

Psychiatric Assessment- A report describing the mental history of a person or offender.

Marjorie Diehl had a history of many mental illnesses before any psychiatric assessments including bipolar, and as a result was a hoarder and had a liking to violence. She was assessed many times by different psychiatrists with different disorders including, severe bipolar, mania, schizophrenia, narcissism, and personality disorder.

Federal Prison- A prison that is operated under the jurisdiction of the federal government for convicts sentenced for two years or more.

Marjorie was serving her sentence at federal medical center carswell, a women's prison in texas, after being sentenced twice for her crimes.

Kenneth was incarcerated at the federal medical center in North Carolina after being sentenced to 45 years in prison.

Mitigating Factors- circumstances about the crime or defendent possibly resulting in reduced charges or sentence.

Kenneth testified against Marjorie originally in exchange for a plea deal and after his testimony a judge halved his sentence.

Punishment- A penalty given to a defendant for a crime they committed.

Marjorie committed two crimes and because of that she was sentenced to life in prison as a punishment for them.

Kenneth was a co-conspirator in an armed bank robbery and therefore was sentenced to 45 years as a result.

Consecutive- Multiple prison terms the defendant must serve one after the other.

Marjorie was sentenced to life in prison with an additional 30 years which was ordered to be consecutive to all other sentences.

Incarceration- Imprisoned for a specific period of time.

Marjorie Diehl was sentenced to life in prison and was incarcerated at federal medical center Carswell, in texas.

Kenneth was originally sentenced to 45 years and was incarcerated at the federal medical center, north carolina.

Recidivism- Relapsing into crime after release from prison.

Kenneth was already previously in jail for a drug related charge and after his release committed another crime.

Jail- A place where prisoners are confined after being accused or convicted of a crime.

Kenneth was previously in jail under a drug related charge before being sentenced to 45 years for being a co- conspirator in an armed bank robbery.

Provincial prison- A prison with convicts sentenced to less than 2 years and people in immigration detention.

If Kenneth Barnes had committed a less serious crime previously he would have been sentenced to provincial prison, for people with a sentence less than 2 years.