

David Silverman sentenced to one to four years for raping teens met on MySpace

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A [Rockland County](#) man was sentenced to prison Friday for rape after underage victims he met through [MySpace](#) gave damning accounts of the psychological damage he caused.

[David Silverman](#), 23, was sentenced to one to four years behind bars by State Supreme Court Justice [Bruce Allen](#) for the March 23, 2007, incident in which Silverman and two other men lured the girls from [Westchester](#) County to a [Manhattan](#) loft after meeting them on the social networking Web site.

Two of Silverman's victims, each 14 at the time, submitted impact statements to the court that the prosecutor read before the sentence was imposed.

"Anger, hurt, confused, scared, violated and demeaned," one wrote of the continuing impact on her life.

"I now live my life with fear, caution and have very little trust in boys or men," wrote another victim.

The sentence was requested by prosecutors after they uncovered deleted photos of sexual activity on Silverman's computer.

Silverman's attorney asked the judge to give his client a lighter sentence by claiming the sex was consensual.

"[It] was mutual," said defense attorney [Israel Fried](#), who acknowledged that the girls' age made the sex a crime.

Before being led away, Silverman said, "I do apologize for all that has happened."

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