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Aryeh "Larry" Dudovitz was sentenced to 8 years in prison for sexually assaulting a teen in 2006. | Provided photo

A man who was sexually assaulted by a West Rogers Park rabbi when he was a teenager told a Cook County judge Wednesday that his emotional pain has been so debilitating his relationship with his family suffered and he cannot hold a full-time job

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"I am almost constantly afraid, feel alone, scared, angry, anxious, feeling useless, unwanted and unworthy of love," the man said before Judge Evelyn Clay sentenced Rabbi Aryeh "Larry" Dudovitz to eight years in prison for the October 2006 incident.

"I carry shame, which makes loving another very difficult. I feel voiceless, not heard, unworthy of speaking, being heard or spoken to."

Dudovitz said he hopes the victim recovers from the lingering trauma....

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West Rogers Park woman sentenced to 75 years for daughter's murder

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When Angelina Rodriguez cried while her parents partied in their one-bedroom West Rogers Park apartment, the 5-month-old paid the price by being suffocated by her father while her mother stood by.

Most mothers, even those who are battered like Angela Petrov, would "shield and jump in the way" to protect their offspring from harm. But Angela Petrov "sat there while it happened," Cook County Judge Maura Slattery Boyle said Thursday before sentencing Petrov to 75 years in prison for the baby's murder.

It was Rigoberto Rodriguez's hands that covered Angelina's mouth, "but Petrov did nothing" to stop him that night on April 11, 2013, the judge said. "She sat there and allowed the torture of this child."

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Petrov, who testified that she tried to grab Angelina from Rodriguez, sobbed in court before she was sentenced, telling Slattery Boyle that she deeply mourns for her dead child.

"Nothing that happens today can compare to the loss of my child and the grief that I feel," the 24-year-old Petrov said through tears.

Petrov suffers from depression, said her attorney, Richard McLeese.

Rodriguez, 31, is serving an 85-year prison sentence.

The couple were listening to music and drinking a combination of Hennessy, Sprite and Red Bull in the 2500 block of West Fitch when Angelina interrupted them with her cries, Assistant State's Attorney Megan Mulay said.

Petrov initially took her youngest child out of her playpen, but then Rodriguez took Angelina and covered her mouth three times for 30-second intervals as the baby gasped for air.

Petrov told Rodriguez that "something bad was going to happen" and that what he was doing was "dangerous," according to court testimony. But instead of checking on Angelina after Rodriguez put her "limp" body back into the playpen, the couple had sex and fell asleep, prosecutors said.

They didn't check on Angelina until the next day when they noticed she was unresponsive.

Even at the hospital, Petrov denied that Angelina was exposed to trauma, Mulay said.

"She's cruel. She's mean. She's a killer," the prosecutor said. "She knew what she did and she knew what she didn't do, and the only thing she feared was getting caught."

McLeese said it was unfair to characterize Petrov as a murderer. Like Angelina, Petrov also was abused by Rodriguez, McLeese said.

Just two days before Rodriguez attacked Angelina, he beat Petrov so bad she suffered broken teeth and lacerations, the defense attorney said. Like most battered women, Petrov often misrepresented the source of her injuries, he explained.

"She was not the principal actor here. The principal actor was someone who terrorized her for years," McLeese said.

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Woman killed in West Ridge crash

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A Wheeling woman was killed when the motorcycle she was a passenger on hit a car in the West Rogers Park neighborhood Monday afternoon.

About 1:15 p.m., 23-year-old Lauren Lohan was a passenger on a motorcycle that was "operating recklessly" as it traveled north in the 7300 block of North Western, according to police and the Cook County medical examiner's office.

The driver of the motorcycle, a 31-year-old man, collided with a Toyota Camry driven by a 41-year-old woman that was traveling south on Western, police said.

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Lohan, of the 200 block of Wille Avenue in Wheeling, and the driver were both taken to Presence St. Francis Hospital in Evanston. She was pronounced dead at 3:53 p.m., authorities said. The driver was in critical condition Monday night.

The driver of the Camry was taken to Swedish Covenant Hospital in good condition, police said.

The police Major Accidents Investigation Unit is looking into the crash.

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Man critically injured in West Rogers Park drive-by

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A 23-year-old man was shot and critically injured early Saturday in the West Rogers Park neighborhood on the North Side.

About 3 a.m., he was standing in an alley in the 6300 block of North Washtenaw when someone in a passing dark-colored SUV opened fire, police News Affairs Officer Hector Alfaro said.

The man was struck in the leg, torso and back, Alfaro said. He was taken in critical condition to Presence Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston.

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Police: Two armed robberies on same West Rogers Park block in two weeks

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Police are cautioning North Side residents after a pair of armed robberies on the same block in West Rogers Park in a two weeks.

The robberies both happened in the 6600 block of North Campbell, first about 1:35 a.m. May 30 and again 12:30 a.m. June 14, according to a community alert from Chicago Police.

Three men with handguns walked up to people on the block and demanded their phones and cash, the alert said. Police do not have a detailed description of the subjects, other than that they are men thought to be between 18 and 28 years old and about 5-foot-10.

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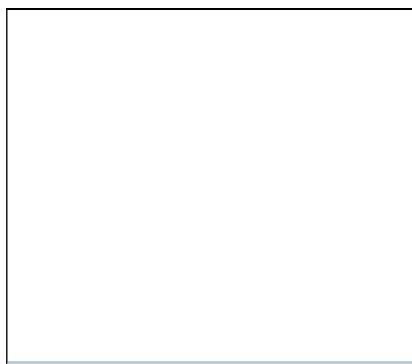
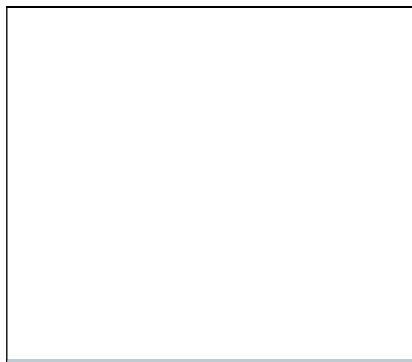
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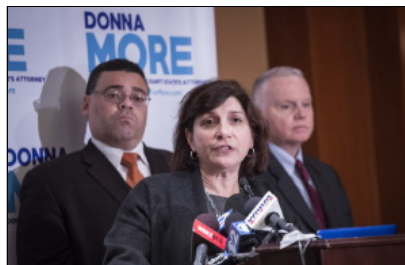
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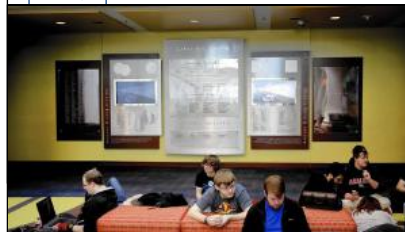
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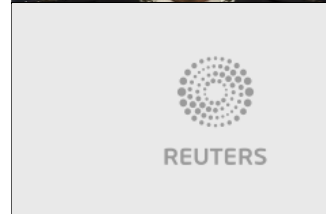
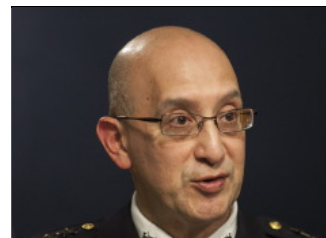
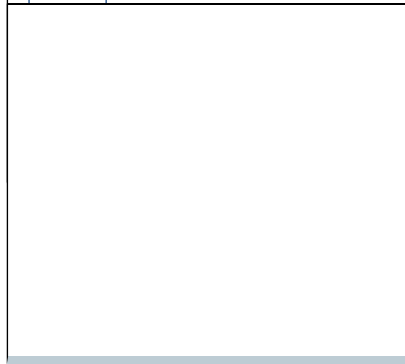
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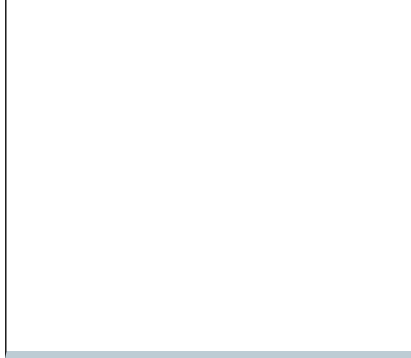
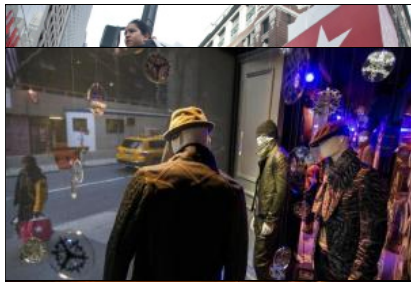
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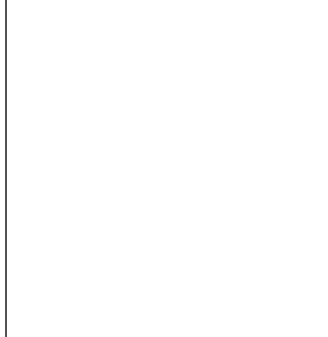
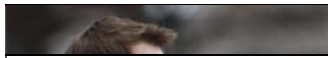
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