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Saliha Nelson, of Urgent, Inc., and artist Alex Douyon hold hands in meditation in front of the restored Dorsey Park Mural Restoration & Renewal Project on Wednesday in Miami.

## Judge keeps deal. Key Biscayne coach to get 12 years for sex crimes

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Despite painstaking statements and objections from two sexual-assault victims, Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Alberto Milian said Thursday there would be no trial for former Key Biscayne gymnastics instructor Oscar Olea, who last week reached a deal with prosecutors to avoid what was likely to be a lengthy and gut-wrenching trial.

The judge reached his decision after nearly two hours of discussion and despite



Oscar Olea

state prosecutors asking that the deal be voided after two of Olea's three victims said they were dissatisfied with the terms. One victim said she didn't agree with the plea deal, but her attorney said she agreed to defer to whatever decision the state made.

Olea, 40, will spend the next 12 years in prison, followed by a decade of probation. He will also be listed as a registered sex offender, a scar for life that keeps him away from minors and specific distances from gathering spots like parks and schools.

"I didn't take this job because I thought it would be easy," Milian said just before Olea agreed to the terms of the agreement. "But I conclude this was in fact a meeting of the minds. My heart goes out to the victims. Justice is very imperfect."

One of Olea's victims said the former gymnastics instructor stole more than just her virginity and made her a victim.

"That identity was forced on me by someone else's action, actions that stole something sacred, my virginity, my purity, my innocence," said 28-year-old A.E., who was 12 when she was assaulted by Olea. "Things I can never get back."

Olea, seated handcuffed in the jury box in an orange jumpsuit, sat silently, often

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## Overtown came together to restore vandalized murals

### Now, it has bigger plans

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In early June, a swastika and the n-word were spray-painted over murals featuring the faces of Black baseball legends Jackie Robinson and Minnie Miñoso at Historic Dorsey Park in Overtown. At the time, Overtown residents and leaders held a press conference denouncing the graffiti and said they were determined to forge ahead.

Since then, artist Alex Douyon has repaired the murals, which were part of a series celebrating the Negro Leagues and painted in part-

nership with MLK Mural Project founder Kyle Holbrook and Urgent, Inc. in 2011.

On Wednesday, Douyon, city officials, community members and members of the Miami Marlins unveiled the restored murals and announced a much larger plan for the park — the Historic Dorsey Park Mural Restoration & Renewal Project.

Last month, Miami commissioners approved \$217,500 in funding from the Omni CRA to restore and reimagine the murals. Urgent, Inc., a youth nonprofit in



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Young baseball fans and others walk past the restored murals at Historic Dorsey Park on Wednesday in Miami.

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## Amphibious warships join U.S. destroyers nearing Venezuela in drug operation

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The U.S. has added a powerful amphibious squadron to a previously revealed deployment of three Navy destroyers nearing Venezuela as part of a major counter-narcotics operation.

Two officials who are familiar with the deployment and spoke on condition of anonymity told the Reuters news agency that three Navy warships — the USS San Antonio, USS Iwo Jima and USS Fort Lauderdale — could be stationed off Venezuela as



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Capable of supporting helicopters and tilt-rotor aircraft, the USS Iwo Jima is like a small aircraft carrier.

early as Sunday. Together, the ships are carrying 4,500 service members, including a 2,200-strong Marine expeditionary unit.

The Pentagon has not

publicly disclosed the mission, but sources told the news agency that the move aligns with a broader Trump administration unit.

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## Miami officials have used a private Marlins suite that is meant for charities

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The Miami Marlins made franchise history this month when they swept the New York Yankees in a raucous, three-game series that drew nearly-sold out crowds. As more than 32,000 fans packed the stadium for the Friday night game — the first of the three that weekend — newly elected Miami Commissioner Ralph Rosado had one of the best seats in the house.

Using more than a dozen complimentary tickets, Rosado attended the Aug. 1 game with his family, staff from his District 4 office and some of their

family members. The group watched the game from one of the stadium's MVP Suites, which can cost as much as \$4,566 per game, according to the Marlins' website.

But the specific box that Rosado was in — Suite 18 — isn't meant for elected officials and their inner circle. The suite is considered a "community benefit" that's granted to the city and Miami-Dade County as part of their operating agreement with the Marlins. The purpose of the box, which the operating agreement refers to as the "community suite," is for "public or charity use."

It's difficult to know

with certainty who uses each of the 640-some tickets that the city gets for the suite each year because the city keeps no formal log. But Miami Herald reporting shows that it's not always community groups or members of the public. In addition to Rosado's Aug. 1 outing, his staff also attended the game using the suite on Aug. 18. City Manager Art Noriega has attended a game in the suite along with family and staff. Employees in Mayor Francis Suarez's office have also attended multiple games in Suite 18 this year.

"It's supposed to be a

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