

Ballwin man gets 291-year term

Yahya Maly convicted of raping 7 women

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CLAYTON — A serial rapist will spend the rest of his life in prison.

Judge Ellen Hannigan Ribaud on Tuesday sentenced Yahya Maly of Ballwin to 291 years.

For each first-degree rape charge, the judge sentenced Maly, 30, to nine life sentences, technically 30 years each, to run consecutively. Additionally, he



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Prosecuting Attorney Melissa Price Smith. "He is a danger to the community, and it's because of these women that he is off the streets."

She told reporters that the length of Maly's sentence was a

will serve seven years each on eight charges of second-degree rape and sodomy, some to run concurrently.

"That's what he deserves," said St. Louis County

"It feels like a chapter in a book that I didn't open is finally closed," she said.

She encouraged victims of sex crimes to come forward.

first for her.

Two of the women Maly assaulted were in court on Tuesday and said they felt justice was served.

One said her fears of speaking out are gone now that Maly will spend the rest of his life in prison.

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The other said she initially considered not showing up but felt it was important to attend the sentencing.

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guilty on 12 counts of rape and five counts of sodomy, after two days of testimony from seven women — who ranged in age from 23 to 43 — described in detail how Maly invited them to his small Ballwin apartment and then sexually assaulted them.

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PEACE DEAL IN SIGHT?



ZOHRA BENSEMRA, REUTERS

A displaced woman flashes a victory sign as she travels with relatives back to their homes in southern Lebanon following a deal between the U.S. and Iran, near Sidon, Lebanon on Tuesday. Please see **Page A13** for full story.

Ethics panel: Remove judge

Mo. commission cites 26 instances of wrongdoing by official in Wentzville

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ST. CHARLES COUNTY — Mike Carter spent years building a following on social media, posting about breaking news, hosting public polls about pending court cases and sharing his opinions on politics.

He operated at least five Facebook pages, including "Wentzville Hub," and "New Wentzwillian," that collectively reached more than 224,000 people. Last year, he began purchasing additional Facebook groups across central and northeast Missouri as he worked to launch a now-abandoned Missouri Senate campaign.

On top of that, he hosted a popular online talk show, "Justice & Journalism," that was also broadcast on TV and routinely featured a who's who of local and statewide politicians, including Congressman Wesley Bell and Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hanaway.

Now his media empire has gotten him into trouble.

Carter, a seven-term Wentzville municipal court judge, is being investigated by a judicial ethics panel, newly released documents show. The panel has filed a complaint listing more than two dozen instances of wrongdoing by Carter and recommending he be removed from the bench for "failure to maintain the dignity of judicial office."

Carter, the complaint says, "has acted in a manner that tends to diminish public trust and confidence in the independence, impartiality, integrity and competence of the judiciary."

The ethics panel is the same that recommended the removal of former St. Charles County Judge Matthew Thornhill, a Republican, over allegations that he was making blatantly partisan comments in courtrooms, including promoting his own candidacy as a judge

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Balkan Treat Box's Nalic wins James Beard award

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CHICAGO — For the first time since 2017, a St. Louis chef won a James Beard Award, one of the nation's most prestigious culinary honors.

Loryn Nalic of Balkan Treat Box in Webster Groves won Best Chef: Midwest at the James Beard Foundation's annual awards gala Monday evening at the Lyric Opera of Chicago.

"First and foremost, I really want to thank our team, past and present," Nalic said as she accepted the award with her husband, Edo, and members of their family. "Without you guys, none of this is possible. I want to thank my family, this family especially, St. Louis."

The Midwest award honors chefs in Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Nalic was one of five finalists for Best Chef: Midwest, alongside fellow St. Louis chef Nick Bogner of Sado and Pavilion the Hill; Zak Baker of Ca'Lucchenzo in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Shigeyuki Furukawa of Kado No Mise in Minneapolis; and David Utterback of Yoshitomo and Ota in Omaha, Nebraska.

"This is unbelievable," Nalic said in an interview after the awards ceremony. "I still can't believe it. I'm still on cloud nine. My knees are still shaking. I can't stop smiling. I can't stop laughing. I'm just overwhelmed."

Nalic is the first St. Louis chef to win a James Beard Award since Kevin Nashan of Sidney Street Cafe won Best Chef: Midwest in 2017. Gioia's Deli also won an America's Classic award that year.

Gerard Craft of the now-closed Niche in Clayton won St. Louis' first James Beard Award, for Best Chef: Midwest, in 2015.

On stage, Nalic thanked the Beard Foundation for "allowing us to have a place to talk about Balkan food, Bosnian food." She said that when she met her husband, his family was separated by war.

"This restaurant brought them back together again. That's probably one of my proudest achievements."

Nalic was one of five St. Louis finalists at this year's James Beard Awards, often called the "Oscars of the food world."

In addition to Bogner's nomination for Best Chef: Midwest, Robin in Maplewood was a finalist for the country's Best New Restaurant; Louie in Clayton was a finalist for Outstanding Hospitality nationwide; and Vicia in the Central West End was a finalist for the country's Outstanding Restaurant overall.

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