

Judge sentences 'happy' Gosman to time

WHAT THEY SAID

One rented storage unit was "literally filled to the brim with artwork she said she didn't have, tapestries she said she didn't have and jewelry she said she didn't have."
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"So, do you sell all of her clothes? She may have had those clothes for 10 years, who knows?"

— U.S. District Judge Kenneth Ryskamp said incredulously to Bell, attempting to define personal property Lin Gosman owned years before her husband's bankruptcy.

"This isn't a case of a major drug dealer or somebody's life was taken or brutalized. This was a business case."

U.S. District Judge

House arrest, community service also part of Gosman's sentence.

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Lin Castre Gosman is on her third day free from the threat of imprisonment after U.S. District Judge Kenneth Ryskamp sentenced her Thursday to time served and three years of supervised release in her bankruptcy fraud, mortgage fraud and tax fraud case.

The first two years are to be spent under house arrest with a monitor, and she must perform 1,000 hours of community service over the three years.

After her Nov. 7 indictment, Gosman spent nearly a month behind bars while attorneys and prosecutors ironed out a dispute over the source of her bail money. Her husband, Abe Gosman, filed for Chapter 11



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Facing sentencing, Lin Gosman enters the federal courthouse Thursday. She later praised Judge Kenneth Ryskamp's ruling.

the deterioration of her physical and psychological health. Before she lied about her personal assets, Lin Gosman was a "pillar of society," he said.

The judge admonished the government's vigorous prosecution of the case.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office is hailing this like it's the crime of the century," Ryskamp said near the start of the sentencing hearing. "You make this sound like a fraud case. This isn't

the \$66 million bankruptcy judgment against her husband — were "secretive, deliberate and dishonest. It was criminal."

"This is at the top of the heap," Bell said. "This is the type of bankruptcy fraud where everyone goes 'Oh, my goodness.' This conduct, if we don't address it, the bankruptcy system doesn't work."

Bell recounted Lin Gosman's post-indictment trips to Hong Kong, Dubai, Mo-

million in professional fees over the course of the bankruptcy.

Gosman: 'I panicked'

Lin Gosman addressed the judge before sentencing.

"The last eight years has been all about survival," she said. "All I saw was my world collapsing, and I had no support. In order to protect myself, I panicked" and did the wrong thing. "I hope, your honor, you can give me a chance to rebuild the life I have left."

Afterward, she said, "I owe a great deal of thankfulness to Judge Kenneth Ryskamp for seeing through all of this. I just can't believe he is so wise and so kind, and I truly do appreciate every bit of support."

Gosman said she wasn't expecting such a good outcome.

"I was hopeful, but in this case it has been just the contrary," she said. "Maybe now I can restructure my life again."

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