

# 40 years in prison for Vallejo kidnapper with ties to Tahoe

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A Harvard-educated former attorney was sentenced to 40 years in prison for kidnapping a woman in a case that police in Vallejo once portrayed as a hoax.



Matthew Muller

The case cast a harsh light on not only the suspect, Matthew Muller, but also the Vallejo Police Department.

Muller, 39, pleaded guilty last year to abducting Denise Huskins and holding her in his family's South Lake Tahoe home for two days.

In an emotional scene, Huskins recounted her ordeal at the hands of Muller and asked that he be sentenced to life in prison.

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