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Judge sentences East Hampton landlord to probation for unlawful surveillance in rental house

An East Hampton landlord received a sentence of five years' probation today from a Suffolk County judge for his plea of guilty to charges of unlawful surveillance and other crimes in a 23-count indictment, Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota said.

Donald Torr, 71, had seven cameras placed in the bedrooms, bathroom and hallways to record activity in his rental home at 18 Winterberry Lane in East Hampton. The investigation found the cameras were connected to a digital video recorder in the basement of the house. The DVR was connected to a router and modem that provided remote viewing access.

Torr pleaded guilty to fourteen counts of unlawful surveillance in the second degree, for which Judge Barbara Kahn sentenced him to five years' probation. For his plea of guilty to nine counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Judge Kahn sentenced Torr to three years of probation to run concurrently.

The district attorney's office recommended Torr be imprisoned to the maximum sentence of two and two-thirds to eight years in an upstate correctional facility.



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