

# Diddy's Racketeering and Sex Trafficking Trial Date Set

### Description

CNN reported that musician and producer Sean "Diddy" Combs is facing serious charges including racketeering conspiracy, sex trafficking, and transportation for prostitution. His trial is scheduled for May 5, 2025. Combs, who has pleaded not guilty, appeared in court with his family members. He was seen wearing a jail-issued outfit and his ankles were shackled.

The prosecution estimates the trial could last three weeks, but it may change due to potential new charges or defendants. Combs' defense case is expected to take about a week. Judge Arun Subramanian issued an order to prevent the release of secret grand jury evidence. Combs' lawyers accused the government of leaking a video showing him mistreating his former girlfriend, which was denied by the US Attorney.

The video, released by CNN in 2016, shows Combs dragging and kicking his then-girlfriend Cassie Ventura. Initially denying the allegations, Combs later apologized after the video surfaced. His lawyers are seeking to exclude the footage from trial, which the prosecution views as crucial evidence.

Combs' court appearance marked his third since arrest and his first in front of Judge Subramanian. He remains in federal custody at Brooklyn's Metropolitan Detention Center and is eager to go to trial swiftly after being denied bail twice. His next court appearance is scheduled for December 18.

This article has been updated with additional information from CNN's Elizabeth Wagmeister.

## **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. Racketeering /,ræki'tiərin/ (noun): The act of conducting illegal business activities often involving extortion or fraud.
- 2. **Conspiracy** /kən'spɪrəsi/ (noun): An agreement between two or more persons to commit an illegal act.
- 3. **Prostitution** /,prps.tr'tju:.jən/ (noun): The practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity in exchange for payment.
- 4. Evidence /'εντdəns/ (noun): The available facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid.
- 5. **Prosecution** /,prbsi'kju:ʃən/ (noun): The institution and conducting of legal proceedings against someone in respect of a criminal charge.
- 6. **Custody** /'kʌstədi/ (noun): The protective care or guardianship of someone or something often referring to detention in a legal context.

## Vocabulary quizzes



#### Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the term used to describe working together on a project or task?

Option: Gathered Option: Nostalgia Option: Collaborate Option: Prostitution

2. Which word refers to a natural or intuitive impulse or behavior?

Option: Instinct Option: Transformational Option: Controversy Option: Immersion

3. What is the term for facts or information indicating whether a belief or proposition is true or valid?

Option: Custody Option: Evidence Option: Prosecution Option: Tradition

4. Which term means dealing effectively with something difficult?

Option: Insight Option: Reflection Option: Coped Option: Admiration

5. What is the term for the expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes?

Option: Echoed Option: Criticism Option: Extravagant Option: Suggestive

6. Which word describes being excited or enthusiastic about something?

Option: Eager Option: Immersion Option: Racketeering Option: Conspiracy

7. What is the term for a feeling of respect and approval for someone?

Option: Embrace Option: Admiration



**Option: Backlash Option:** Inseparable

8. Which term refers to an impressive or striking sight to see?

**Option: Backlash Option: Spectacle Option: Embrace Option:** Inseparable

9. What word describes two or more things that cannot be separated?

**Option:** Transformative **Option:** Candid **Option:** Inseparable Option: Laid to rest

10. Which term is used to describe something spending more money or resources than necessary?

**Option:** Racketeering **Option: Extravagant Option:** Conspiracy **Option:** Criticism

# NEWS.COM Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The family gathered to \_\_\_\_\_\_ their loved ones after a long journey.

12. The new technology had a \_\_\_\_\_\_ impact on the way businesses operate.

13. After the funeral the deceased was \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the cemetery.

14. The controversial decision by the government resulted in a strong \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the

public.

15. The students were fully \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the virtual reality simulation.

16. The team \_\_\_\_\_\_ all the necessary information before starting the project.

- 17. The investigators uncovered a complex \_\_\_\_\_\_ involving high-ranking officials.
- 18. The authorities cracked down on illegal \_\_\_\_\_\_ rings in the city.



19. Every year the family celebrates a cultural \_\_\_\_\_\_ passed down for generations.

20. Looking at old photographs brought a wave of \_\_\_\_\_\_ for the good old days.

#### Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The artist's skill and creativity were met with applause and respect from the audience.

22. The organized crime syndicate was charged with illegal business activities such as extortion and fraud.

23. The movie's provocative scenes were seen as inappropriate and by some viewers.

24. The legal team presented compelling evidence to support the case against the defendant in court.

25. The town hall meeting featured passionate speeches that the concerns of the community.

26. The politician's remarks sparked a heated among the citizens.

27. The children were to open their presents on Christmas morning.

28. The author's account of her struggles inspired many readers.

29. The best friends were and did everything together.

30. The scientists decided to on a research project to combine their expertise.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Collaborate 2. Instinct 3. Evidence 4. Coped 5. Criticism 6. Eager 7. Admiration 8. Spectacle 9. Inseparable 10. Extravagant

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Embrace 12. Transformational 13. Laid to rest 14. Backlash 15. Immersion 16. Gathered 17. Conspiracy 18. Prostitution 19. Tradition 20. Nostalgia

**Matching sentence:** 1. Admiration 2. Racketeering 3. Suggestive 4. Prosecution 5. Echoed 6. Controversy 7. Eager 8. Candid 9. Inseparable 10. Collaborate

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