

Randy Maidens pleads guilty to second-degree murder - WSMV Channel 4

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Brentwood man pleads guilty to second-degree murder in wife's death

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NASHVILLE, TN (WSMV) -

Randy Maidens has pleaded guilty to shooting and killing his wife in their upscale Brentwood home in 2013.

Maidens' attorney David Raybin said his client pleaded guilty on Tuesday to second-degree murder in the death of his wife, Dr. Rachael Maidens, as part of a plea deal. Maidens also pleaded guilty to child neglect.

According to Raybin, Maidens was sentenced to 25 years for the murder charge and two years for the child neglect charge. Both sentences will run concurrently, for a total sentence of 25 years.

Maidens' case was set to go to trial later this month in Williamson County.

The body of Rachael Maidens was found at their home, located inside the exclusive Brentwood Governor's Club development, in April 2013.

At the time, investigators say they found evidence that Maidens attempted to clean up at the scene.

The couple's 2-year-old daughter, Natalie, was also in the house but wasn't harmed.

According to Raybin, Maidens spoke out for the first time in court on Tuesday and addressed his wife's family.

"Betty. My words as I speak them now sound so hollow in light of your tragic loss. You are having to endure the worst pain any parent could possibly endure and for that I am truly sorry. Every morning I hope to wake from this horrific nightmare which I have brought upon our families. You welcomed me into your family and I destroyed it. I wish I could trade my life for Rachael's and bring you back your daughter, and Natalie her mother. I understand that it is not fair nor will it ever be fair.

"Brent. I am so sorry for the loss of your sister. You are enduring unimaginable pain.

"Natalie. My daughter, I can never express how sorry I am for taking your mother away from you. You have lost both



of your parents, and it is all my fault. Know that you were the most important thing in your mother's life. I have hurt the people I love the most, you and your mother, sorry is not enough.

"And to Rachael, I promised to love you and cherish you and I betrayed all of that. I will live with the anguish forever that you will never get to hold Natalie in your arms or your mom or your brother. No prison is worse than what I inflicted on myself.

"To all of Rachael's family and friends, I am truly sorry for all the pain and for all the moments that could have been."

The attorney for the family of Rachael Maiden released this statement on their behalf:

"There are no words or actions that can change the pain, void and sadness that our family has experienced from Mr. Maidens' violent killing of Rachael. The pain and sorrow caused by this brutal murder was not only felt by her family but her many friends, office staff and patients.

"The largest impact will be on the lives of Natalie, Brent and Betty. They live with this loss daily and will for the remainder of their lives. The total years that the family will live without Rachael are so much longer than those few that this man will serve for his evil execution of Rachael.

"This cowardly violent murder of Rachael our beautiful remarkable sister, daughter, and mother has left us with a void that will never be filled. Randy's punishment is FAR too light for the brutality of the evil that he alone has done. We would like to point out that our family would NOT have supported a plea agreement for this senseless and horrible murder of Rachael; however, we have supported the State in this plea agreement based solely in regard to Natalie's best interests.

"Natalie longs for her mother and repeatedly asks about her. She frequently brings up that she does not have a mother and is afraid that something will happen to her grandmother, Gigi. Natalie lost so much when she lost Rachael as a parent. And our family will all miss the joy of getting to watch and see how Rachael would have interacted and parented Natalie.

"Rachael was a very wonderful, remarkable, and outstanding person in every way. We miss her but we will remember her forever and she will never be forgotten."

For the past year and a half, Maidens has been in and out of jail. He bonded out shortly after he was arrested.

Maidens was later arrested for public intoxication. That charge was later dismissed.

According to his attorney, Maidens will soon be moved from the Williamson County jail to the Tennessee Department of Corrections.

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