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Pennsylvania: Kids-for-cash judges ordered to pay over \$200M

Two Pennsylvania judges who orchestrated a scheme to send children to for-profit jails in exchange for kickbacks have been ordered to pay more than \$200 million to hundreds of children who fell victim to their crimes. A federal judge awarded \$106 million in compensatory damages and \$100 million in punitive damages to plaintiffs in a long-running civil suit against the judges. In what came to be known as the kids-for-cash scandal, Mark Ciavarella and another judge, Michael Conahan, shut down a county-run juvenile detention center and accepted \$2.8 million in illegal payments from the builder and co-owner of two for-profit lockups.