

## Randolph Maidens gets 25 years in wife's death

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BRENTWOOD – The husband of a popular Brentwood orthodontist will serve 25 years in prison after he pleaded guilty Tuesday morning in a Williamson County court to charges of second-degree murder and child neglect.

Randolph Maidens was sentenced by Williamson County Circuit Judge Timothy Easter, ending a tragic drama that began in April 2013 when police discovered Rachael Maidens' body wrapped in a blanket in the couple's Governors Club home.



Police later found the couple's 2-year-old daughter, Natalie, upstairs in the house unharmed. They arrested Randolph Maidens after an all-night manhunt.

Maidens also pleaded guilty to child neglect and was sentenced to two years, with the sentences to run concurrently for a total sentence of 25 years.

Through his attorney, David Raybin, Maidens addressed the court, including Rachael Maidens' parents and his daughter, and also spoke of his late wife, after being sentenced.

Under the Tennessee Rules of Evidence, Maidens was unable to make any statement to his wife's family members regarding his acts until the guilty plea was entered.

In his post-plea statement, Maidens said, "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."

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