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Man who created apartment fort filled with weapons and drugs, sentenced

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A Fort Lee man with weapons charges stemming from a 2014 police raid was sentenced to five years in state prison.

Originally charged with multiple weapons and drugs charges, Onn Rapeika, a former pizza shop owner, pleaded guilty to a single charge of unlawful possession of an assault weapon.

He must serve at least 3 1/2 years, according to the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office. He was sentenced Friday.

When police entered Rapeika's apartment in 2014, they quickly spotted surveillance cameras and discovered that the doors and windows were fortified with locks and steel bars. There was also a "false wall," according to the Fort Lee Daily News.




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In total, more than 30 firearms, including assault weapons, and a "large quantity of narcotics" were seized by police from Rapeika's Fort Lee home by police.

Thousands of rounds of ammunition, cocaine, marijuana, marijuana wax, molly, prescription drugs, and portable compressed gas tanks were also confiscated in the raid.

Police also found explosive devices in Rapeika's garage, according to Fort Lee Police Chief Keith M. Bendul. The bomb squad determined they were inert and not a danger.

In 2017, a Bergen County judge dismissed Rapeika's \$8 million lawsuit against the Fort Lee Police Department as a result of the raid according to a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in New Jersey.

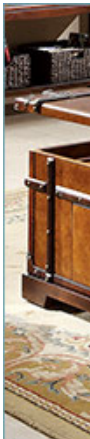
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Rapeika claimed \$250,000 of his property was destroyed, damaged, seized and unaccounted for during the raid.

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