

# Disbarred Lawyer Pleads Guilty in 'Gone Girl' Kidnapping Case

A California man, described as a Harvard-educated lawyer who was later disbarred, pleaded guilty Thursday in a federal court to an elaborate kidnapping that law enforcement had initially branded a hoax, **reports NPR**.

Reporter **Merrit Kennedy** writes that defendant Matthew Muller, 39, is identified in court documents as a former Marine who suffers from bipolar disorder. The Associated Press reports he calmly told U.S. District Judge Troy Nunley that he was taking antidepressant, mood-stabilizing and anti-psychotic drugs.

**The AP reports** that Muller "could face life in prison when he is sentenced, though prosecutors have agreed as part of his guilty plea to recommend a maximum term of 40 years."

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