

# **‘I’m Just Plain Guilty’: Former WV Supreme Court Justice Avoids Prison Time**

Former West Virginia Supreme Court Justice Menis Ketchum admitted at his sentencing hearing Thursday on a fraud conviction that he was guilty. The federal judge hearing the case sentenced him to three years on probation and fined him \$20,000.

West Virginia MetroNews Network **reported** Ketchum pleaded guilty last August to using a state vehicle and state gas card for personal trips to Virginia to play golf.

“Judge, I’m just plain guilty. I’m sorry but sorry is no excuse. I owe an apology to state judges. I’ve embarrassed them and caused havoc. They work hard and are underpaid. I apologize to them. I’m really sorry to my wife and three kids. They don’t deserve what I’ve done to them. I have no excuse,” Ketchum said.

**Read the MetroNews article.**