

Officer gets jail time for Guantanamo leak

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NORFOLK, Va. - A U.S. Navy lawyer convicted of divulging information about Guantanamo Bay detainees was sentenced to six months in prison Friday.

The Virginian-Pilot reported that in addition to his prison sentence, Lt. Cmdr. Matthew M. Diaz also was informed he would be dismissed from the Navy as part of his punishment for the intelligence leak.

Despite having entered his week-long trial by pleading innocent to the charges, the 41-year-old lawyer admitted his error Friday prior to his sentence being handed down.

"I just want the members to know I'm sincerely sorry for what I did -- a stupid act," Diaz said. "I'm better than that."

Diaz had been convicted on four charges from the intelligence leak, including a violation of the Espionage Act.

The Norfolk, Va., newspaper said that after hearing his sentence, Diaz admitted he was pleased he avoided the maximum sentence of 14 years.

"I am very, very happy with the results," he said.

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