

Polanski's 45-year-old sex abuse case

The Associated Press reports that a U.S. judge privately told lawyers he would renege on a plea deal and imprison film director Roman Polanski after he pleaded guilty to unlawful sex with a minor in 1977



▲ **Jan 1968:** Polanski marries actress **Sharon Tate** in London

■ **Aug 1969:** Tate and her unborn son are brutally murdered by followers of **Manson cult** in Los Angeles. Deaths seriously affect Polanski

■ **Mar 1977:** Polanski is arrested for sexual assault of 13-year old girl during photo shoot. Film maker is indicted on six criminal counts, including rape

■ **Aug:** Polanski pleads guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse

■ **Sep:** Judge **Laurence Rittenband** orders Polanski to undergo psychiatric evaluation in prison

■ **Jan 1978:** Evaluation recommends Polanski be placed on probation

■ **Feb 1:** Polanski flees U.S. on eve of sentencing, after learning that judge intends to renege on plea deal and send him to state prison. **Arrest warrant is issued, confining his movements to France, Poland and Switzerland**



■ **Mar 2003:** Wins Oscar for best director for **The Pianist**, but is unable to collect his award in person

■ **Sep 2009:** Polanski is arrested in Switzerland at request of U.S.

■ **July 2010:** Swiss government rejects U.S. extradition request

■ **2015-16:** U.S. attempt to extradite Polanski from Poland fails

■ **Jun-Aug 2017:** ▶ Polanski's victim, **Samantha Geimer**, appeals to U.S. judge to end case, calling it "**40-year-sentence**" inflicted on both her and Polanski



■ **Jul 17, 2022:** Unsealed testimony made by original prosecutor, **Roger Gunson**, supports Polanski's claim that he fled because judge had broken his promise on plea deal