

What was the outcome in this case:

<https://www.justice.gov/archives/opa/pr/three-individuals-charged-1-billion-medicare-fraud-and-money-laundering-scheme>

Philip Esformes, the owner of the care-facility network, was convicted in 2019 of multiple offenses, including conspiracy to defraud the United States, kickbacks, money laundering, bribery, and obstruction of justice. He was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but President Trump commuted his sentence to time served in December 2020. The convictions remained in place; an appeals court later affirmed them, along with \$5.5 million in restitution and \$38.7 million in forfeiture. <citation src="7,11"></citation>

Co-defendants Odette Barcha and Arnaldo Carmouze also pleaded guilty. Barcha was sentenced to 15 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution; the DOJ release said Carmouze's sentencing was still pending at that time. <citation src="7"></citation>

What other reliable information is available re Carmouze's sentencing

The DOJ's later sentencing release confirms that Arnaldo Carmouze was sentenced on **April 10, 2019, to 80 months in prison**—six years and eight months—and ordered to pay **\$12,590,761 in restitution**. It identifies him as a physician's assistant and says he had pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

That is the clearest official outcome I found. An earlier DOJ release had said his sentencing was scheduled for April 10, 2019; the later release records the sentence imposed.

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Note: The DOJ sentencing release is the source confirming Carmouze's sentence of 80 months and restitution of \$12,590,761.

Wasn't Carmouze pardoned or sentence commuted by Trump or similar outcome?

I don't find evidence that Arnaldo Carmouze was pardoned or had his sentence commuted by Trump. The DOJ's sentencing report says Carmouze received **80 months in prison** and was ordered to pay **\$12,590,761 in restitution**. The Trump commutation in this case was for Philip Esformes, not Carmouze.

So the similar outcome you may be thinking of was Esformes's sentence commutation; it did not apply to Carmouze.

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The DOJ report documents Arnaldo Carmouze's sentence and restitution, and Philip Esformes's 20-year sentence. The most recent answer also referred to Esformes's commutation; that action is recorded in the White House's December 22, 2020 clemency announcement: <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/executive-grant-clemency-5/>

This link <https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/executive-grant-clemency-5/> returns a page not found response. locate an accurate reference with a validated, current URL, review all prior reference provided and check and validate for all active URLs for all citations provided across all references in this conversation

You were right: the Trump White House link I gave returns a not-found page, so it should not be used. The DOJ's current Office of the Pardon Attorney page is an active official source and

lists Philip Esformes under the December 22, 2020 commutations. It does not list Arnaldo Carmouze. The DOJ sentencing release confirms Carmouze's sentence.

I reviewed the references previously provided and consolidated duplicates below. I replaced the broken White House URL with the DOJ record and used the Eleventh Circuit opinion's active Justia copy for the appellate decision. The links below were checked in the search results for this response.

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The appellate opinion and the NBC report concern Esformes, not Carmouze; they are included because they appeared in earlier reference lists. The DOJ commutations page is the stronger source for identifying whose sentence was commuted.

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