

Actor gets life for stabbing ex-partner

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San Diego: An Indian-born actor who appeared in the film *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* was sentenced Thursday to life in prison with possible parole in 12 years for stabbing his ex-girlfriend more than 20 times when he stopped by her home and found her with another man.

Shelley Malil was sentenced by San Diego County Superior Court Judge Harry Elias three months after a jury convicted the actor of attempted premeditated murder and assault with a deadly weapon. The victim, Kendra Beebe, suffered punctured lungs and wounds to her neck, chest, back and arms in the 2008 attack.

Seated before the court, Malil apologised for stabbing Beebe and said he wanted to go to prison.

"I want to do whatever I need to do to make sure I make right from the wrong that I did," he said. "Kendra Beebe did not deserve anything that happened to her. ... I can't even begin to imagine what she has been through," he added.

Victimspeak

Before the sentencing, Beebe also spoke to the court about the physical and emotional pain she suffered. "Despite the stab wounds he inflicted, I am alive," she said, going on to say Malil's testimony had not been credible.

"During the course of the trial it became clear he was an actor, but not a very good actor at that. His testimony was lie after lie after lie," she said.

Malil is eligible for parole in 12 years, but prosecutor Keith Watanabe said Malil could be freed in as few as nine years taking into account time already served and good behaviour.

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