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Former CIA Director David Petraeus just got sentenced to two years of probation for leaking highly sensitive information to his mistress and then lying to the FBI about it.

Petraeus had asked to enter the court room via a backdoor, so he would not be photographed, but he was forced to enter the courthouse in the normal fashion.

As happens with big-wigs, Petraeus' lawyer cited the 34 letters of support from other big-wigs sent on his behalf. Petraeus admitted his crimes and apologized to those he hurt.

The only "surprise" of the hearing is that, rather than getting slapped with a \$40,000 fine, Judge David Keesler more than doubled the fine to send a message.

To \$100,000.

According to <u>SpeakerPedia</u>, Petraeus makes upwards of \$132,750 for each speech.

In other words, this fine, meant to be especially harsh so as to send a message about the gravity of Petraeus' crimes, is about 75% of one speaker's fee for Petraeus.