

If you know any crusading attorneys in NY, you might want to pass this on. Why was testimony of her affairs permitted in court? The disposal of this case bugs me -- her words ring true. This is one reason I'm very down on Retributive Justice -- because next of kins often get tried for murder, compounding the tragedy and the horror many fold!



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Mrs. Crimmins, left, on Way to Court
... accompanied by correction officer Alice Cook

Woman Denounces Court, Then Gets Prison Term

NEW YORK (AP) — Red-haired Alice Crimmins, the pretty former night club waitress convicted of strangling her 4-year-old daughter, was sentenced yesterday to 5 to 20 years in prison.

Mrs. Crimmins, 29, was sentenced on a first degree manslaughter charge by Queens Supreme Court Justice Peter T. Farrell.

Just before the sentencing, Mrs. Crimmins denounced the court when asked if she had anything to say in her behalf.

"You don't care who killed my children," she said angrily. "You just want to close your books on this. You don't give a damn who killed my children."

Mrs. Crimmins was charged only in the death of her daughter, Alice Marie.

The body of her son, Edmund Jr., 5, was found later in a vacant lot, too decomposed to disclose the cause of his death.

Accusing her prosecutors of being "rotten through and through," Mrs. Crimmins, trembling, told the court: "I did not kill my children."

The children disappeared from the Crimmins' apartment in Queens July 14, 1965 and the mother insisted they had been kidnaped from their ground floor bedroom.

The trial was marked by sensational testimony about Mrs. Crimmins' affairs with a number of her employers and other well-to-do men. She was estranged from her husband, Edmund, at the time of the children's deaths but was reconciled with him before the trial.