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Ex-CEO sentenced for role in CA fraud

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NEW YORK -- CA Inc.'s former chief executive Sanjay Kumar was sentenced to 12 years in prison for leading a \$2.2 billion accounting fraud at the software maker.

US District Judge I. Leo Glasser imposed the term and an \$8 million fine yesterday in Brooklyn and ordered Kumar, 44, to report to a federal prison by Feb. 27. Kumar pleaded guilty in April to charges including conspiracy, fraud, and obstruction of justice.

"His cupidity calls for a meaningful sentence," the judge said. Glasser noted he didn't impose the life sentence called for by federal guidelines and called imprisonment "not an appropriate measure of promoting rehabilitation."

The sentence fell short of the longest recent prison terms for executives convicted in the crackdown on corporate fraud after Enron's collapse in 2001.

Prosecutors said Kumar and other CA executives backdated contracts to inflate revenue at the company, formerly Computer Associates International Inc., the world's second-largest maker of mainframe computer software.

"I apologize to the court for my mistakes and conduct," Kumar told the judge.

Glasser refused to give credit to Kumar for accepting responsibility for his acts or pleading guilty to all eight counts he was charged with.

The judge said he will order Kumar to pay restitution to victims of the fraud, after deciding on an amount by Feb. 2.

Kumar spoke to reporters after his sentencing. "Am I glad it's over?" he asked. "I'm ready to move on." ■

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