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Former FTX CEO Sam Bankman-Fried arrives for a bail hearing at Manhattan Federal Court on Aug. 11, 2023, in New York City. (Michael M. Santiago/Getty Images/TNS)

By Molly Crane-Newman, New York Daily News (via TNS)

Fallen FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Thursday for stealing more than \$10 billion from customers of his global cryptocurrency exchange.

Manhattan federal court Judge Lewis Kaplan handed down the steep prison term in a

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as he learned his fate. He's been incarcerated at Brooklyn's federal jail since Kaplan revoked his \$100 bond last year. He faced a maximum of 110 years in prison.

The 32-year-old from Palo Alto, Calif., was found guilty of wire fraud, money laundering conspiracy, and related counts in November following a month-long trial, at which he testified. Before handing down the term, Judge Kaplan said Bankman-Fried had perjured himself three times when he took the stand.

Federal prosecutors described his fraud as one of the largest in U.S. history. Trial testimony and evidence laid out how Bankman-Fried directed billions of dollars out of FTX, where people around the world bought and sold digital currency, into accounts controlled by its sister hedge fund, Alameda Research.

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