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NEW: Trump was indicted in New York for directing hush money payments to a porn star during his 2016 campaign, a historic event in American law and politics that is certain to divide an already polarized society and electorate.

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Trump was indicted on Thursday, according to two people with knowledge of the matter, who asked not to be identified because the indictment hasn't yet been publicly released.

Trump is now the first former US president to be indicted <http://trib.al/DI9uM8y>

LATEST: Trump calls the New York indictment "political persecution" <http://trib.al/DI9uM8y> <https://t.co/cFJ0vqM532>

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Statement by Donald J. Trump, 45th President of the United States of America

"This is Political Persecution and Election Interference at the highest level in history. From the time I came down the golden escalator at Trump Tower, and even before I was sworn in as your President of the United States, the Radical Left Democrats - the enemy of the hard-working men and women of this Country - have been engaged in a Witch-Hunt to destroy the Make America Great Again movement. You remember it just like I do: Russia, Russia, Russia; the Mueller Hoax; Ukraine, Ukraine, Ukraine; Impeachment Hoax 1; Impeachment Hoax 2; the illegal and unconstitutional Mar-a-Lago raid; and now this.

"The Democrats have lied, cheated and stolen in their obsession with trying to 'Get Trump,' but now they've done the unthinkable - indicting a completely innocent person in an act of blatant Election Interference.

“Never before in our Nation’s history has this been done. The Democrats have cheated countless times over the decades, including spying on my campaign, but weaponizing our justice system to punish a political opponent, who just so happens to be a President of the United States and by far the leading Republican candidate for President, has never happened before. Ever.

“Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg, who was hand-picked and funded by George Soros, is a disgrace. Rather than stopping the unprecedented crime wave taking over New York City, he’s doing Joe Biden’s dirty work, ignoring the murders and burglaries and assaults he should be focused on. This is how Bragg spends his time!

“I believe this Witch-Hunt will backfire massively on Joe Biden. The American people realize exactly what the Radical Left Democrats are doing here. Everyone can see it. So our Movement, and our Party - united and strong - will first defeat Alvin Bragg, and then we will defeat Joe Biden, and we are going to throw every last one of these Crooked Democrats out of office so we can MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!”

Read Trump's full statement after news of his indictment broke <https://trib.al/ldCYD2X>

For Trump, the indictment is like capturing lightning in a bottle, allowing him to fully unleash his unscripted, hours-long speeches about his previous two impeachments, and the long series of “hoaxes” and “witch hunts” he says that Democrats have created <https://trib.al/XVaLuRt>

While Trump will get fingerprinted and have his mug-shot taken, he won't be marched before cameras in handcuffs or placed in a holding cell.

Here's what to expect now that Trump's been indicted

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-20/donald-trump-will-be-no-ordinary-ny-defendant-if-he-s-charged?>

Ron DeSantis says Florida will not assist in an extradition request against Trump after his indictment in New York <https://trib.al/udPAPIZ>

Trump indictment in New York on charges related to hush money payments is just the beginning of the former president's legal woes.

Here's where the rest of the pending investigations and civil cases stand

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-03-30/trump-s-new-york-indictment-leads-string-of-potential-legal-woes>

Join the politics and legal teams at Bloomberg for a conversation on the significance of Trump's indictment and how it will affect him going forward ■■

<https://twitter.com/i/spaces/1OwGWwMQORNGQ?s=20>

Public faith in the criminal justice system was already eroding—thanks in large part to former President Donald Trump <https://trib.al/gjy8LxL>

What is an indictment? Will Trump do a perp walk? What happens after an indictment?

Here's a legal breakdown of what that means and what comes next for Trump ■■ <https://trib.al/hDqW0FH>

<https://twitter.com/BloombergTV/status/1641610749155094529>

The Trump Organization pressured its former CFO to drop lawyers seen as too cooperative with New York prosecutors who have now charged the former president <https://trib.al/wsiJu4c>

Who is Alvin Bragg?

Meet the Manhattan District Attorney leading former President Donald Trump's indictment■■■<https://trib.al/uQYa9Bk>

Former President Donald Trump is expected to be arraigned as early as Tuesday, his lawyer says <https://trib.al/qKCEuaj>

<https://twitter.com/BloombergTV/status/1641624624273448960>

Does an indictment mean prison time?

An indictment only starts the process of determining whether someone is guilty. A defendant may also resolve a case by pleading guilty and admitting to their crimes

We answer your questions here: <https://trib.al/pL72snx>