

# **SO — WHAT'S NEW, RICK? PAUL? FRESH INDICTMENTS TODAY ON BANK, TAX FRAUD**

Open thread for you folks to talk about the latest developments in the Trump-Russia investigation.

Earlier this afternoon, U.S. District Court Judge Amy Berman Jackson rejected the bail package offered by Paul Manafort as the property offered as collateral wasn't free and clear.

From reports about this rejection there were hints another shoe would drop soon.

Bingo — multiple counts of bank and tax fraud levied against each and both Manafort and his partner, Rick Gates.

Manafort was charged with a count each for each year:

Subscribing to False U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns for years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014  
Failure to File Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts for years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Gates was charged with a count each for year:

Assisting in the Preparation of False U.S. Individual Income for 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Subscribing to False U.S. Individual Tax Returns for years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Subscribing to False Amended U.S. Individual Tax Returns for 2013

Failure to File Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts for 2011, 2012, 2013

Both Gates and Manafort were charged with one count for each year:

Bank Fraud Conspiracy (Lender B/\$3.4 million)

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That's 18 counts for Manafort, 23 counts for Gates. (Do check my math, I am working off a ridiculously small mobile device screen – thanks!)

These charges open many questions, but perhaps we ought to spend our time looking at the indictment itself. I know you'll find parts amusing.

You can read it at this link (pdf).

Quentin Hardy observed via Twitter:

Nice touch in the new indictment: Manafort has "a lavish lifestyle," while Gates is portrayed as just a simple suburban money launderer.

Better buy up extra popcorn, gang. We're going to need it.