

THE CAT MOVES ONTO POUNCE ON ITS PAUL MANAFORT CAT TOY

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November
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about
Manafort's
efforts
to make
bail.



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....Paul Manafort came into the campaign very late and was with us for a short period of time (he represented Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole & many others over the years), but we should have been told that Comey and the boys were doing a number on him, and he wouldn't have been hired!



realDonaldTrump ✓ Donald ... 03/06/18 09:25
As only one of two people left who could become President, why wouldn't the FBI or Department of "Justice" have told me that they were secretly investigating Paul Manafort (on charges that were 10 years old and had been previously dropped) during my campaign? Should have told me!



I feel like Mueller's prosecutors are playing with these two men as cats play with balls, just patiently batting them around, waiting for the inevitable admission that they can't make bail because they don't have assets they can put up because everything they own has been laundered. At which point, after getting the judge rule over and over that they're flight risks, I suppose the government will move to throw them in the pokey, which will finally get them to consider flipping.

On May 18, Judge Amy Berman Jackson ruled that Manafort had show sufficient liquidity that she would move towards granting him bail, pending certain interviews.

MINUTE ORDER as to PAUL J. MANAFORT, JR. In light of the government's response 304 to defendant's renewed motion to modify his conditions of release, the government is ORDERED to conduct any interviews it deems necessary with property owners agreeing to post bond and file by May 25, 2018 a supplement to its response informing the Court whether it has any objections to the posting of the Washington property. It is FURTHER ORDERED that defendant shall file by May 25, 2018 its reply to the government's proposal concerning the pledging of both the New York and Washington properties. Finally, the Court notes that it is inclined to continue the monitoring it put in place prior to the arraignment established in the Eastern District of Virginia; however, it is ORDERED that the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia must confer with the Pretrial Services Agency for the Eastern District of Virginia and inform the Court by May 25, 2018 of the agencies' joint or individual positions on whether the defendant may be monitored with one device, and if so, which one. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 5/18/18. (DMK) (Entered: 05/18/2018)

After that order, Manafort pledged the last properties he'd need to pledge to make bail (probably the last of his liquid possessions). Then Mueller's team posted a cryptic filing asking to file something by June 4 – today – in response to Manafort's last, finally successful!!!!, attempt to post bond.

Here's that filing. Basically, Mueller's team says that as soon as Rick Gates made a move to flip, Manafort tried to tamper with witnesses (largely Mercury Group, the Vin Weber lobbying firm) on new criminal evidence raised in the Gates plea – their efforts to use the "Hapsburg Group" to lobby in favor of pro-Russian views. Because Manafort broke the law while out on bail, Mueller argues, the whole process needs to be reevaluated.

Manafort may finally be headed to the pokey. Which may be why Trump was so worried about his poor corrupt campaign manager yesterday.

I'll have more to say about the filing and the means they used to obtain the WhatsApp and Telegram evidence behind it – suffice it to say there has been parallel construction going on in the casino.

But for now, know that Mueller's team has been sitting on this evidence since May 4 – probably since February 28.

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| 4/4/2018; 13:00 (UTC) | Person A | Person D1 | WhatsApp | Chat | Hi. This is [Person A's first initial]. My friend P is looking for ways to connect to you to pass you several messages. Can we arrange that. | Person D1 Production |
| 4/4/2018; 08:53 (CEST) | Person A | Person D2 | WhatsApp | Chat | Hey. This is [Person A]. My friend P asked me again to help connect him with [Person D1]. Can you help? | Person D2 Production |
| 4/4/2018; 08:54 (CEST) | Person A | Person D2 | Telegram | Chat | Hey. My friend P has asked me again if there is any way to help connect him through [Person D1] | Person D2 Production |
| 4/4/2018; 08:54 (CEST) | Person A | Person D2 | Telegram | Chat | I tried him on all numbers. | Person D2 Production |

They've just been waiting for Manafort to pledge the last little bits of his liquidity before they move to throw him in prison.

And somehow, it's almost as if Donald Trump knew the guy he once suggested was his firewall might be in legal peril.