

RUDY GIULIANI ATTACKS BIDEN AS SDNY SIFTS THROUGH HIS COMMS FOR UKRAINE FOREIGN AGENT INVESTIGATION

Among the many Trump allies suggesting that the former President was better on Russian issues than the current, Rudy Giuliani attempted to attack President Joe Biden with a Tweet dripping with projection.



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Is it now clear that electing a mentally deteriorating man, who was of limited intelligence even before his dementia, constitutes a 'CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER' to our safety and security.

Just over four weeks ago, the Special Master Barbara Jones delivered the latest tranche of records seized from Giuliani's phones to prosecutors in SDNY, the US Attorney's Office that Rudy once led.

Content	Phones	Warrant date	Known Warrant Scope	Privilege Review Scope	Status	Special Master Results
Rudy's iCloud		11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	Filter completed -5/21	
Rudy's email		11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	Filter completed -5/21	
Toensing's iCloud		11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	Filter completed -5/21	
Toensing's email		12/13/19	5/1/18 to 12/13/19	5/1/18 to 11/4/19	Filter completed -5/21	
Rudy's historical and prospective cell site		4/13/21	unknown			
Toensing's historical and prospective cell site		4/13/21	unknown			
Devices of Rudy and Giuliani partners	7 devices	4/21/21	8/1/18 to 12/31/19	1/1/18 through seizure	Completed 1/10/21	2,223 items provided to govt 3 items deemed privileged
	Device 1805	4/21/21	8/1/18 to 12/31/19	1/1/18 through seizure	Initial release 11/11/21 Balance released 1/19/22	25,533 items provided with no privilege claim 40 items deemed privileged 56 privilege claims withdrawn, provided to govt
	8 devices	4/21/21	8/1/18 to 12/31/19	Initial review 12/1/18 through 5/31/19	Completed 1/19/22	3,204 items provided to govt
Toensing's phone	Firtash hits	4/22/21	8/1/18 to 12/31/19	1/1/18 through seizure	4,229 initial items to Firtash 12/21/21 2 addition items	Pending
	Initial review	4/22/21	8/1/18 to 12/31/19	Initial review 12/1/18 through 5/31/19	Ongoing	2,756 items provided to govt 1/20/22 2 items to Firtash 98 items pending privilege claim

While the scope of the review exceeds the scope of the known warrants, those known warrants target Rudy's role in getting Maria Yovanovich fired in 2019 as part of an effort to get campaign dirt on Joe Biden.

Indeed, for six of Rudy's devices, the latest review focused on the period from December 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018, which would cover the following events.

Late 2018: Rudy Giuliani participates in a Skype call with the former top Ukrainian prosecutor, Viktor Shokin, who was ousted from office after multiple Western leaders, including former Vice President Joe Biden, pressed for his removal. Leaders complain Shokin was failing to tackle corruption. It's around this time that Giuliani says he first learned of a possible Biden-Ukraine connection.

January 2019: Giuliani meets in New York with the top Ukrainian prosecutor at the time, Yuriy Lutsenko. This is when, Giuliani says, his investigation into the Bidens began.

A man named Lev Parnas has said he attended the meeting with Lutsenko and arranged the call with Shokin. Parnas told NPR he attended at least two meetings Giuliani had with Lutsenko. Parnas and an associate, who also worked with Giuliani, are later arrested and charged with violating campaign finance law in a separate matter.

March 31: The first round of presidential elections take place in Ukraine. Zelenskiy, a comedian who once played a president on television, comes out ahead of incumbent President Petro Poroshenko. The race goes to a runoff.

April 7: In an interview on Fox News, Giuliani, unprompted, brings up a Biden-Ukraine connection. He says that while investigating the origin of the Russia investigation, "some people" told him "the story about [gas company] Burisma and Biden's son." Giuliani suggests that as vice president, Biden pressed to remove Shokin because he was investigating Burisma, a Ukrainian gas company that had Biden's son Hunter on its board for several years. There is no evidence to support this claim.

April 21: Zelenskiy is elected president of Ukraine and Trump calls to congratulate him. A White House readout of the call says Trump “expressed his commitment to work together with President-elect Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian people to implement reforms that strengthen democracy, increase prosperity, and root out corruption.”

April 25: Trump calls in to Sean Hannity’s TV show and says he has heard rumors about Ukrainian “collusion.” He tells the Fox News host he expects Attorney General Bill Barr to look into it. “I would imagine he would want to see this,” Trump says.

May 6: Marie Yovanovitch, the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine and an Obama appointee, ends her assignment in Kyiv. According to the whistleblower complaint filed against Trump, she had been “suddenly recalled” to the U.S. by senior State Department officials a week earlier.

Giuliani later says in an interview that she was removed “because she was part of the efforts against the President.” Yovanovitch tells Congress that she learned from the deputy secretary of state “there had been a concerted campaign against me, and that the Department had been under pressure from the President to remove me since the Summer of 2018,” according to prepared remarks reported by multiple outlets.

May 9: Giuliani tells The New York Times he will travel to Ukraine “in the coming days” to push for investigations that could help Trump. Giuliani says he hopes to meet with President-elect Zelenskiy to push for inquiries into the origins of the Russia investigation and the Bidens’ involvement with Burisma.

"We're not meddling in an election, we're meddling in an investigation, which we have a right to do," Giuliani tells the *Times*.

"There's nothing illegal about it," he says. "Somebody could say it's improper. And this isn't foreign policy – I'm asking them to do an investigation that they're doing already and that other people are telling them to stop. And I'm going to give them reasons why they shouldn't stop it because that information will be very, very helpful to my client and may turn out to be helpful to my government."

Among the members of Congress criticizing Biden, Tulsi Gabbard voted present to impeach Trump on his related extortion attempt; virtually all Republicans voted not to impeach Trump, including Biden critics Paul Gosar and Scott Perry. Of Republican Senators, just Mitt Romney voted to convict the President.

Trump was not serious about Ukraine. He viewed it as nothing more than a political football. Almost his entire party backed him in that effort.

And his former attorney, wailing on Twitter about the "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER" posed by "mentally deteriorating [men], who [were] of limited intelligence even before [] dementia" remains under criminal investigation as an unregistered agent of Russian-backed Ukrainians for his role in politicizing Ukraine.