

Donald Trump indicted: What happens next?

Now that a grand jury has voted to charge the former president, here's what comes next.

NEW YORK — Former president Donald Trump has been indicted in New York on charges related to payments made during his 2016 presidential campaign to silence claims of an extramarital affair, according to his lawyer.

Joe Tacopina, a lawyer for Trump, said he had been told that a grand jury that had been meeting for months voted to indict Trump. The specific charges were not immediately released.

The investigation centers on hush-money payments made in 2016 to two women who alleged that they had extramarital encounters with Trump. Witnesses who testified to the grand jury included former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen, who says he orchestrated the payments at Trump's direction.

Specifically, District Attorney Alvin Bragg's team is focused on whether Trump or anyone committed crimes in arranging the payments, or in the way they accounted for them internally at the Trump Organization.

Trump denies the encounters occurred, says he did nothing wrong. The Republican has cast the investigation as a "witch hunt" by a Democratic prosecutor bent on sabotaging his 2024 presidential campaign.

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