

Judge Napolitano Explains Why Indictment of Trump's Former Campaign Manager Is First of Many Dominoes To Come

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Ex-Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort and Richard Gates are indicted for failure to report income and for acting as foreign agents. The charges allege that Manafort received millions from Ukraine and from companies inside Ukraine that are owned by the Kremlin. The money went to offshore accounts and was used to purchase US real estate, which then became collateral for loans. This money was hidden income on which he failed to pay taxes. Altogether, \$75 million flowed through Manafort's offshore accounts, and he is said to have laundered more than \$18 million. Prior to this, Manafort was the campaign manager for Ukrainian President Yanukovich. None of these issues relate to Trump, but Napolitano says the plan is to indict as many members of the Trump team as possible in hopes of getting some of them to implicate Trump himself in one of their crimes in exchange for leniency. Trump is the real target of the operation.-GEG

Judge Andrew Napolitano predicted that the **special counsel's charges** today against former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort is the "first of many steps" in the Russia probe.

"This is the first of many dominoes to fall," the judge told "America's Newsroom."

Manafort turned himself in to the Washington, D.C. FBI office this morning on charges including conspiracy against the United States and money laundering in Russia-related business deals.

"What is troubling and newsworthy is the allegations continue to September of 2016, meaning during the time that Paul Manafort was the chair ... of Donald Trump's campaign," Napolitano said.

“You’re going to indict people going up the totem pole to see if you can squeeze them,” he said of Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s strategy.

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