

# Mueller Uses Manafort As A Tethered Goat To Ensnare The Lion

*It's not about whether you are innocent or guilty. It's about whether or not you can prove you're innocent. If you can't prove you're innocent, then you're considered guilty. It's been flipped: Now it's guilty until proven innocent.* –Artist [Ronald Jones](#)

*The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.* –Patrick Henry, American colonial revolutionary

\*A “tethered goat” is a reference to the practice of tying a goat to a stake as bait when hunting predatory game animals. The predator comes to eat the goat and is shot by the hunter. In this case, Paul Manafort is the tethered goat and Mueller is pressuring Manafort to sing or compose to ensnare the lion...President Trump.

“In 2013, four government officials demonstrably lied under oath, and nothing has been done to them, two IRS officials, the Attorney General, and James Clapper. This caused Ed Snowden to release the fact that the U.S. is spying on its citizens and in violation of the 4th amendment. That our government is corrupt is the only conclusion. Sidney Powell’s book, [Licensed to Lie](#) helps the people understand the nature of this corruption and how it is possible for federal prosecutors to indict and convict the innocent rather than the guilty.” [Victor Sperandeo](#)

## **Manafort Previously Exonerated**

Judge Andrew Napolitano was a guest on Fox and Friends on July 31<sup>st</sup>, to talk about the Manafort case. What he told was

explosive. Manafort's defense is that he was investigated by the government for all these charges eight years ago and was exonerated. His attorneys are going to put on the witness stand the young lawyer who exonerated him, and that was Rod Rosenstein.

The prime witness against Paul Manafort is former partner [Rick Gates, who has already pleaded guilty](#). However, federal prosecutors said today, August 1, 2018, that [Rick Gates may not testify in the trial of his former business partner Paul Manafort](#). The prosecution has told their witnesses not to mention Trump or Russia because Judge T. S. Ellis is hearing the case and previously he came close to throwing the case out because he could see Mueller's real intentions.

### **Rosenstein's Guidelines**

Too many people are finding themselves sitting down with the FBI. Robert Mueller has widened his Russia investigation beyond the 2016 presidential election. District Court Judge T. S. Ellis III dissected Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein's May 2017 appointment order to Mueller and concluded that the prosecutor is empowered to look at virtually any Russian contact no matter how "stale" it is. [Link](#)

Judge Ellis said Rosenstein's guidelines state that Mueller is to investigate any links between the Russian government and Trump campaign associates, which is expansive. He said "any links" also means "indirect links" or "potential links," giving Mueller wide latitude when deciding whether to target a Trump person.

[Deputy AG Rosenstein gave Mueller the right to go further](#) to investigate and prosecute crimes related to Manafort's receipt of payments from the Ukrainian government related to his consulting work for former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich.

Mueller was forced to admit in court filings that his [case against Paul Manafort has exactly nothing to do with his Russia mandate](#). The Hillary Clinton/DNC funded unverified Steele dossier accuses Manafort of directing the Trump campaign's efforts to coordinate with the Kremlin to help Trump in the 2016 election.

The DOJ has literally turned the Russia investigation into a puzzle designed never to be solved. [Link](#)

## **Paul Manafort**



Paul Manafort is accused of multiple financial crimes in connection with lobbying work he performed in Ukraine. The first of his two upcoming trials has begun. This is the Virginia trial and is being heard by Judge. T. S. Ellis. The former campaign manager for Donald Trump is sitting in solitary confinement 23 hours per day after being investigated by Robert Mueller regarding the bogus 2016 Russia election collusion.

Manafort was allegedly put in solitary so that other prisoners don't "make their bones" by killing him. Never Trumpers seem to feel no shame about cheering on the American prison system for keeping Manafort locked in a windowless cement box all day when he has never been convicted.

Despite Manafort cooperating in every way with Mueller's team of hit men, the Obama appointed DC judge has put him in jail until the DC trial in September. This happened the day after

the Inspector General's report came out. They want him to flip. Manafort served as Trump's campaign manager for 49 days. The evidence that he tried to tamper with a witness is based on a one minute, 27 second phone call. They've got him on ice. No bail.

Manafort had nothing to do with Russia and the Trump campaign because there wasn't any collusion. Yet the out-of-control former Director of the FBI and his group of "Hillary loving lawyers" are out to destroy anyone who had the temerity to offer their services to outsider candidate Donald J. Trump. Paul Manafort was a big target.

Remember the Donald Trump Jr. [meeting with Russian lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya](#)? It was another set-up job. Loretta Lynch had Paul Manafort's phone tapped during the meeting which he and Jared Kushner both attended.

It was Mueller's leftist thug Andrew Weissmann who arranged for the middle of the night [break in of the Manafort home](#) by 12 FBI agents with drawn guns who stayed for hours.

Can anybody tell me what Paul Manafort did? Does anyone know why he's in jail? Robert Mueller put him in jail, but no one can tell me specifically what he did. What financial crimes? The indictments against him are bank fraud, tax fraud, and money laundering. It's all kinds of really bad stuff for which sentencing guidelines, 32 different counts in this indictment, literally mean spending the rest of his life in jail. All of this happened ten years before Paul Manafort even went to work for Donald Trump.



He pleaded not guilty last year and has maintained his innocence.

A separate trial in Washington, D.C., is slated for September. [Link](#) There also seems to be a [problem with double-jeopardy](#) with these two trials. The [media has apparently colluded with the FBI](#) and grand jury secrecy may have been ignored and broken. It was revealed that the Associated Press, the leading news wire service allowed reporters to secretly collude with the FBI to help agents to gain access to Paul Manafort's storage locker.

It was Andrew Weissmann who allegedly improperly disclosed confidential grand jury information and potentially classified information. And 50,000 pages of new discovery materials were handed to the defense team just 19 days before the scheduled trial for Paul Manafort. [Link](#) Weissmann is the fellow who praised Sally Yates for instructing the Justice Department not to defend [Trump's executive order banning refugees from entry into the United States](#).

Robert Mueller has [asked a federal court in Virginia for 100 blank subpoenas](#) prior to the trial against Paul Manafort.

The objective here is to get these guys to flip and they're really being pressured. Manafort is really being pressured. Mueller is pressuring him to sing and compose against Trump. Our president is the prize, and they want the prize destroyed.

Tom Fitton of Judicial Watch said that Mueller's focus on Manafort (and lack of focus on President Trump) shows that

inflicting damage on Trump and Republicans in general through the midterm elections is his objective. If the Democrats regain control, impeachment is next.

### **Liberal Judge Amy Berman Jackson**

Amy Berman Jackson is an Obama appointed United States District Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. She is the one who put Manafort in prison until his trials. [Link](#)



No individual who disagrees with Obama will receive justice in Judge Jackson's court. Jackson is the [same judge who cleared Hillary Clinton in the Benghazi case](#), but is now out for

blood with Manafort.

Manafort's only crime is he worked for and supported President Trump during his campaign for the Presidency. Judge Jackson is a real piece of work. Let's hope and pray for the sake of the Union that at some point soon, the Mueller investigation is called out for what it is, a corrupt attempt by an elite few to overthrow the government.

### **Tony Podesta Offered Immunity**

Fox News host Tucker Carlson reported that Tony Podesta has been offered immunity by Special Counsel Robert Mueller to testify against Paul Manafort at his upcoming trial in Washington D.C.

The identities of [five witnesses special counsel Robert Mueller immunized](#) to testify against former Trump campaign

chairman Paul Manafort were unsealed by federal judge T.S. Ellis on 23 July 18. Mueller's office told a Virginia federal judge that James Brennan, Donna Duggan, Conor O'Brien, Cindy Laporta, and Dennis Raico were granted immunity after the five individuals indicated they wouldn't testify or provide other information "on the basis of their privilege against self-incrimination."

Judge Ellis commented, "The worry is that squeezed witnesses will not only sing but compose."

Bill and Hillary Clinton's good friend, democratic lobbyist Tony Podesta has been under scrutiny by federal authorities but was offered immunity by special counsel Robert Mueller to testify against Paul Manafort.



Podesta's brother is John Podesta who was chairman of the 2016 Clinton presidential campaign. Tony once worked with Paul Manafort to lobby on behalf of Ukrainian interests in this very country. He apparently did not properly register

under the Foreign Agent Registration Act (FARA), the exact same crime that Manafort is charged with!

Tony Podesta is also accused of failing to register as a foreign agent when he represented the Russian owned company, **Uranium One!** Yes, the same Uranium One deal that led Russia to gaining 20% of U.S. uranium deposits in exchange for \$145 million in donations to the Clinton Foundation.

Paul Manafort, his former business partner Rick Gates and Tad

Devine all worked on behalf of Viktor Yanukovych of Ukraine yet only two of them are being charged by the Special Counsel.

## **John Podesta**

John, brother of Tony and former campaign manager for Hillary Clinton and former White House Chief of Staff for President Clinton, has a strong connection to a Kremlin backed company. In 2011, John Podesta joined the board of a small energy company called Joule Unlimited based out of Massachusetts. About eight months after Podesta joined Joule in 2011, an investment fund backed by the Russian government, Rusnano, announced plans to invest about \$35 million in the company, while Podesta is an advisor to Hillary Clinton in the State Department. Several months later, Joule announced that Rusnano Chairman Anatoly Chubais was joining its board of directors. Rusnano has been called, "Putin's child." Around the same time, Podesta joined Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Foreign Affairs Policy Board.

At the time he was running the [Center for American Progress](#), which supported the Obama administration's "Russian reset." Podesta personally lauded the effort to "build a more constructive relationship" with Russia at a 2009 event hosted by his think tank.

In 2014, he wanted to go back to work as a counselor to Obama. So, he divested his 75,000 shares in Joule and moved them to an entity called Leonidio Holdings, LLC, which had been created just weeks earlier, and shares an address with Podesta's daughter, Megan Rouse. [Link](#)





Wikileaks showed that perhaps he did not actually divest, because in 2015 a law firm billed him for something that sounds like the creation of Leonidio, and he was asked to approve another Russian on the board of Joule. It would be highly unusual for a company to seek approval of a board appointment from someone who no longer has any ties to the business. It seems to be a clever attempt to dodge government disclosure.

## **Tad Devine**

Tad Devine, a former senior advisor to Al Gore's 2000 presidential campaign and John Kerry's 2004 presidential bid previously worked with Paul Manafort and Gates in Ukraine, but Mueller has already determined that Devine has done nothing wrong.

Devine is a political operative who served at the [highest levels in the Bernie Sanders campaign](#) and who will now assist in Mueller's prosecution of Manafort.

When the Special Counsel sought assistance from us in its ongoing investigation, we readily provided it."

Julian Mulvey, a partner at Devine's political firm, Devine Mulvey Longabaugh has been "assured by the special counsel's office that we have no legal exposure and did not act unlawfully."

Great, pressure applied, acquiescence achieved.

## **Conclusion**

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recused himself from only the scope of the 2016 campaign of alleged Russia collusion. Sessions has exclusive authority to appoint a special counsel for non-collusion charges but has taken no such action. Rosenstein cannot appoint Mueller to any investigation outside the scope of the 2016 campaign since Sessions did not recuse

himself from anything outside the campaign. Sessions should make that clear to Mueller and Rosenstein.

Sessions formally notifying Mueller that he does not have authority to act outside of campaign-related cases and cases related to obstruction of Mueller's investigation would be doing what the Constitution compels: enforcing the [Appointments Clause](#) of the Constitution. Additionally, Sessions notifying Mueller that he does not have authority to act outside of campaign-related cases would be exercising Sessions' court-recognized Constitutional [obligation](#) to "direct and supervise litigation" conducted by the Department of Justice. [Link](#)

Trump should call Sessions into the Oval office and ask him if he gave Rosenstein authority to expand Mueller's investigation. If Sessions says he did not, then the President needs to tell him to limit Mueller's investigation to the Russia collusion probe. If Sessions refuses, President Trump should tell him to immediately hand in his resignation. He then needs to do the same thing with Rod Rosenstein.

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