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George Santos Negotiating Plea Deal to Avoid Trial

Former Representative George Santos was expelled from Congress on December 1, and is currently in negotiations to avoid a trial in September where he faces 23 felonies that include wire fraud, money laundering, and theft of public funds.

U.S. Attorney Breon Peace [confirmed the plea deal negotiations](#) in a filing Monday, stating, "The parties are presently engaged in plea negotiations with the goal of resolving this matter without the need for a trial."

Santos previously stated that he would not agree to a plea deal, but said in a interview on Sunday with CBS 2's Marcia Kramer, "The trial is not until September and a plea is not off the table. So there's obviously conversations taking place, especially after what happened in Congress, and we'll see."

During the interview, [Santos also accused Representative Nicole Malliotakis \(R-N.Y.\) of insider trading](#), saying, "She receives classified briefings as a member of the Ways and Means Committee.... Can somebody explain to me how is it that she miraculously becomes a member of the committee and then she's doing trades on NYCB with the Signature Bank collapse just a day before having an 80 percent stock hike. That's not a lucky trade Marcia, that's a very well informed trade."

Santos stated that he would like to return to Congress, telling [WABC radio host Frank Morano](#), "I'm not done with public service. I want to go back to Congress." Santos also said he does not believe Senator Bob Menendez (D-N.Y.) should be expelled, saying, "The reality is, Senator Menendez is entitled to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty."



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George Santos



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