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Smollett Released; Attorneys Prepare Double-jeopardy Appeal

It appears that convicted hate-crime hoaxer Jussie Smollett will not be punished for his crimes.

Yesterday, the Illinois Appellate Court ruled that he should be released immediately, just six days after Judge Michael Linn sentenced him.

Smollett's family, which continues to falsely claim that he is innocent and did not stage the hate hoax that sent the nation into one of its customary moral panics, appealed to the court this week.



AP Images

BREAKING: Convicted actor Jussie Smollett has been ordered released from jail pending appeal of his 150-day sentence imposed last week for staging a hoax hate crime on himself.

<https://t.co/356VqGEb8m>

— Chicago Tribune
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Almost “Lost Hope”

“Just less than a week into his 150-day sentence, Jussie Smollett walked out of Cook County Jail on Wednesday evening in silence, guarded tightly by supporters who escorted the actor wordlessly into a waiting SUV,” the [Chicago Tribune reported](#).

His attorneys, however, had much to say: They were “very elated” that an Illinois appeals court had ordered Smollett released pending his appeal, were eager to try to overturn his conviction, and were adamant that sensational media attention and political machinations thwarted Smollett's chance at a fair trial.

“We've been complaining about the disparate treatment of African Americans in the judicial system,” attorney Nenye Uche said. “Regardless of what you think about this case ... the real question is, should Black men be walked into jail for a Class 4 felony? Shame on you if you think they should, that's a disgrace.”

“African Americans” are not treated disparately in the judicial system, as Uche well knows, but in any event, the justices freed the convicted hate hoaxer with a one-page order. The lavender *Empire* star



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signed a “\$150,000 recognizance bond, which would not require him to post any money,” the *Tribune* reported.

The vote from the three justices was 2-1. The court freed him because his sentence would finish before the appeal of his conviction is decided. They claim the trial and conviction trespassed the Constitution’s [double-jeopardy protections](#), saying he was unconstitutionally charged twice for the same crime because he surrendered a \$10,000 bond and the original prosecutor [dismissed the charges](#). A special prosecutor persuaded a grand jury [to charge him](#) a second time, and then tried and convicted him.

“I nearly lost hope in our constitutional system,” Smollett said when Uche told him he was free as a bird.

The family of convicted hate-hoaxer Jussie Smollett wants him released from jail because they say serving his short sentence might risk his mental and physical well-being. <https://t.co/nQ0bAMl8ut>

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Lied and Lied

Smollett’s attorney had appealed to spring him from jail two days ago. His family argued that his mental and physical health were in danger, and complained that he was locked away in a “psych” ward.

They also claimed to have received threatening phone calls, as [The New American reported](#).

At that time, Smollett’s attorney argued that the judge should stay the actor’s jail time until they could appeal the conviction. The judge refused.

Noting that Smollett had “lied for hours upon hours,” [Linn said](#),

I’m not staying it. No, no, no. The wheels of justice turn slowly. Sometimes, the hammer just has to fall, and it’s falling right here, right now.”

Smollett was hysterical.

“If I did this, then it means I stuck my fist in the fears of Black Americans in this country for over 400 years, and the fears of the LGBT community,” the homosexual thespian said. He continued:

Your honor, I respect you, and I respect the jury, but I did not do this. And I am not suicidal, and if anything happens to me when I go in there, I did not do it to myself.

As Smollett left the courtroom, he hoisted a black power fist.

“I am not suicidal,” he shouted. “I am not suicidal. And I am innocent.”

In fact, he’s not innocent. Just as [a jury found](#) in December, Smollett paid two Nigerians to stage a fake hate crime [to get](#) a pay raise. Smollett claimed that two white men accosted him in downtown Chicago at 2 a.m. in January 2019. He said they uttered racial and “homophobic” slurs, told him he was in “MAGA Country,” doused him with what was supposedly bleach, and then, to finish the job right, hung a noose about his neck.

After spending \$130,000 in overtime pay, Chicago police quickly discovered that Smollett made up the



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story — but not before leftists everywhere convulsed in one of their hoked-up conniptions. The attack indicted Trump and his MAGA movement, whose supposed racism, hate, and homophobia were all the encouragement Smollett’s attackers needed.

Outside the courthouse, the [Tribune reported](#), “a man wandered by with a cigar in his hand and regarded the reporters warily.”

“Next time I get county time,” he said, “I’ll say, ‘Judge, let me out too!’”



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