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Trump Criminal Trial Begins Today

Former President Donald Trump's "hush money" [criminal trial began in New York today](#), with Prosecutor Matthew Colangelo saying in his opening statement, "The defendant, Donald Trump, orchestrated a criminal scheme to corrupt the 2016 presidential election." He claimed Trump falsified invoices: "The defendant disguised his reimbursements to Michael Cohen through 11 falsified invoices, 12 falsified ledger entries, and 11 falsified checks."



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Trump claimed the trial is election interference, [stating on Truth Social](#): "Make no mistake about it, this is a Biden Trial, they all are. It's all about Election Interference. Sad!"

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg's case against Trump alleges he attempted to conceal a six-figure "hush money" payment to former porn star Stormy Daniels as a "legal expense" to his attorney Michael Cohen.

Trump has maintained his innocence, [stating on Truth Social yesterday](#):

The Corrupt Soros Funded District Attorney, Alvin Bragg, who has totally lost control of Violent Crime in New York, says that the payment of money to a lawyer, for legal services rendered, should not be referred to in a Ledger as LEGAL EXPENSE. What other term would be more appropriate??? Believe it or not, this is the pretext under which I was Indicted, and that Legal Scholars and Experts CANNOT BELIEVE. It is also the perfect Crooked Joe Biden NARRATIVE — To be STUCK in a courtroom, and not be allowed to campaign for President of the United States!



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