

Trump: Raid on lawyer abuses attorney-client privilege

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents have raided the office of President Donald Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen, seizing records on topics that include a \$130,000 payment made to porn actress Stormy Daniels, who says she had sex with Trump.

The raid prompted a new blast Tuesday from the president, who tweeted that "Attorney-client privilege is dead!"

A furious Trump, who in the last month has escalated his attacks on Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, said Monday from the White House that it was a "disgrace" that the FBI "broke into" his lawyer's office. He called Mueller's investigation "an attack on our country," prompting new speculation



Michael Cohen

that he might seek the removal of the Justice Department's special counsel.

The raid was overseen by the U.S. Attorney's office in Manhattan and was based in part on a referral from Mueller, said Cohen's lawyer, Stephen Ryan.

"The decision by the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York to conduct their investigation using search

warrants is completely inappropriate and unnecessary," Ryan said in a statement. "It resulted in the unnecessary seizure of protected attorney-client communications between a lawyer and his clients."

The raid creates a new legal headache for Trump as he and his attorneys weigh whether to agree to an interview with Mueller's team, which in addition to investigating potential ties between Russia and the Trump campaign is also examining whether the president's actions

constitute obstruction of justice.

And the law enforcement action will almost certainly amplify the public scrutiny on the payment to Daniels, who says she had sex with Trump in 2006. The payment was made just days before the 2016 presidential election. Trump told reporters last week that he did not know about it.

Search warrants are a fairly standard, though aggressive, law enforcement tool and are often sought in cases where authorities are concerned someone may hide or withhold evidence. To obtain one, agents must convince a judge they have probable cause of criminal activity and they believe they'll find evidence of wrongdoing in a search. A warrant requires high-level approval within the Justice Department, and agency guidelines impose additional hurdles when the search target is an attorney.

Authorities working with Mueller chose a similar tactic last summer

when they raided the home of former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, who was subsequently indicted.

In this case, Mueller opted to refer the matter to federal prosecutors in Manhattan. Besides Cohen's office, agents also searched a hotel room where he's been staying while his home is under renovation.

Under Justice Department regulations, Mueller must consult with Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein when his investigators uncover new evidence that may fall outside his original mandate. Rosenstein then will determine whether to allow Mueller to proceed or to assign the matter to another U.S. attorney or another part of the Justice Department.

A spokesman for Mueller's office did not immediately return a call seeking comment. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders and the U.S. attorney's office also had no comment. Monday's raid was first

reported by The New York Times.

Ryan did not elaborate on the documents taken from Cohen's office but said he has cooperated with investigators, including meeting last fall with lawmakers looking into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

Cohen has more recently attracted attention for his acknowledgment that he paid Daniels \$130,000 out of his own pocket shortly before the 2016 presidential election. Cohen has said neither the Trump Organization nor the Trump campaign was a party to the transaction with Daniels and he was not reimbursed for the payment.

Several former officials at the Federal Election Commission have said the payment appears to be a violation of campaign finance laws, and multiple Washington-based groups have filed complaints with the FEC, urging it to investigate.

There have been few signs that Mueller was interested in investigating the payment, though.

Gearhart: City puts individual preparedness at forefront

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thought to myself, 'Someone has to worry about this.' There's something I can do to help them be aware of what they need to do."

Reaching out to people like McCullough and her neighbors through town halls is part of Gearhart's growing effort to bolster what is considered to be the beach town's No. 1 resource in a tsunami: residents.

With less than 1,000 full-time residents, limited staffing and very little land out of the inundation zone, the city's geography and demography has brought focusing on individual preparedness to the forefront as the first line of defense for a major disaster.

"Like most municipalities, we are underfunded and understaffed to take on the great burden of preparing our community. So we really do need the citizens to take control of preparedness for themselves," said City Councilor Dan Jesse, an emergency preparedness advocate.

Gearhart has plenty to do on its own.

In 2019, the city is hoping voters support a bond to move an aging fire station out of the inundation zone. Caches of medical supplies have been stashed in a few private residences around town. As of this month, the city secured a \$15,000 grant from the state Department of Land Conservation and Development to be used to evaluate tsunami hazards as well as give guidance on how to craft land use measures to reduce the city's risk.

But many of these projects are just in the beginning stages, making individual preparedness even more critical.

"If it happened today, we would have to rely on our neighbors," Jesse said.

Challenges

One of the biggest challenges Gearhart faces is unfortunate geography.

A study done in 2013 by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries revealed the town has



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Raffle ticket proceeds went to supporting the Community Emergency Response Team.

no ground high enough to guarantee safety in the largest of tsunamis. The Neacoxie River, which runs along the west side of U.S. Highway 101, will almost certainly flood, making it impossible for residents to evacuate to the east.

"If you go to many other cities, they have ground everyone knows is high enough to evacuate to, and we don't have that," Jesse said. "So for us it's about trying to figure out our best approach."

These factors lead to a confusing message that is hard to communicate: When a tsunami hits, run toward the ocean and head north, where the dunes reach the highest elevations in town between 50 and 70 feet. When common wisdom tells people to run for the hills, the job to educate people about how to evacuate becomes even more important.

"It's definitely counterintuitive," said City Councilor Paulina Cockrum, who volunteers with the Community Emergency Response Team.

But engaging the town in emer-

gency preparedness has been an uphill battle. Almost 60 percent of homes in Gearhart are unoccupied — second homes with owners who may or may not be involved with community efforts. The fact the town's population trends older can make selling preparedness a challenge, as well.

"We have a population that's on the older side," Jesse said. "If you're 50 or older, the chance of the event happening in your lifetime is pretty small. But if you are a 20-year-old or 30-year-old, the chance of this happening in your lifetime is much greater."

Appealing a thousand ways

But there is reason to be hopeful. As Cockrum and Jesse spoke about the difficulty of getting people interested in emergency preparedness, every seat filled up on the fire station floor — a turnout noticeably higher than in previous years.

While a full house at a town hall is a good start, Cockrum said one of

the troubles CERT faces is not having a clear sense of how prepared residents are after the town hall clears out.

"I don't think we have a good feel for the cultural aspects (of preparedness). We have not done the work to find out how prepared all the residents are. What is their knowledge?" she said. "That's part of what we're trying to discover with this outreach."

One way Cockrum hopes to do this is by establishing CERT representatives in each neighborhood to lead preparedness efforts in less-than-enthusiastic places like McCullough's.

More than anything, preparedness is an exercise in persistence, CERT member Pat Wollen said.

"There's a million reasons not to do something. I'm too young to plan. I'm too old to plan. You have to chip away at the reluctance," Wollen said. "You have to appeal to them in a thousand different ways to make preparing worthwhile."

Lottery: What city is luckiest when it comes to Megabucks?

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Prineville, Boardman, Bend, Warrenton, Coburg and Sandy had one winner apiece.

The last winning tickets were sold at a Plaid Pantry at North Going in Portland and at the Sandy Liquor Store. Those winners split the \$9 million grand prize.

Northeast Portland resident Tarver Hannant, an amputee profiled months earlier by Willamette Week for a story on the high cost of health care, was one of those two winners.

He opted for a one-time cash payment and received about \$1.5 million of the \$4.5 million after taxes were subtracted.

That was the third time in 2017 a Plaid Pantry store in the Portland metro area has sold a Lottery ticket worth \$1 million or more, according to a news release at the time by the Oregon Lottery. The news release stated that a Plaid Pantry in Clackamas sold a winning \$1 million Raffle ticket, and in May, a Portland store near Oregon Health & Science University Hospital from the Beaverton-based convenience store chain sold a \$1 million Powerball ticket.

Megabucks drawings are held every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 7:29 p.m. The Oregon Lottery draws six numbers from a set of 48. Players get two sets of numbers for each \$1 they play. Winners have one year to claim their prizes.

Megabucks is one of several games the Oregon Lottery has offered since it started in 1985. The lottery has paid out \$28 billion in prizes since then. It also is the state's second largest source of revenue after income taxes and has contributed more than \$9 billion toward public education, economic development, state parks and watershed projects.

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TV SCHEDULE

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Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										APRIL 10	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy!	Wheel Fortune (N)	Roseanne (N)	The Middle (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	For-People "World's Greatest Judge" (N)	KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Roseanne (N)	The Middle (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	For-People "World's Greatest Judge" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	The Voice "The Road to the Lives" (N)	Rise "We've All Got Our Junk" (N)	Chicago Med "Devil in Disguise" (N)			KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Keep Your Enemies Closer"	Elton John	Elton John performs medleys of his timeless hits. (N)			KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Keep Your Enemies Closer"	Elton John	Elton John performs medleys of his timeless hits. (N)			KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Road to the Lives" (N)	Rise "We've All Got Our Junk" (N)	Chicago Med "Devil in Disguise" (N)			KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Null and Annoyed" (N)	Black Lightning (N)	News at 10 (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Secret Dead "Hannibal in the Alps" (N)	American Masters "Julia! America's Favorite Chef"				Colliding Dreams		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon (N)	LA to Vegas (N)	New Girl (SP) (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	LA to Vegas (N)	New Girl (SP) (N)	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon (N)	LA to Vegas (N)	New Girl (SP) (N)	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G. (N)		Conan (N)		
28	KZJO	(28) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (4:00) MLB Baseball N.Y. Y/Bos. (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)		
30	ESPN2	(30) SportsCenter "Draft Room Simulation" (N)		InsideMadden (N)	E:60 "Ryan Leaf"	Hey Rookie	SportsCenter "Draft Room Simulation"	Jalen & Jacoby	NFL Live A weekday	NFL news and information show.			
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	Paradise Run	The Thundermans	Full House	Full House	Full House	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Dirty Dancing '87, Dance	Jennifer Grey, Jerry Orbach, Patrick Swayze.	Shadowhunter "Thy Soul Instructed" (N)	*** Despicable Me ('10, Ani) Voices of Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Steve Carell.	The 700 Club							
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) *** Captain Phillips ('13) Tom Hanks.	(4:55) *** Captain Phillips ('13) Tom Hanks.			*** Despicable Me ('10, Ani) Voices of Jason Segel, Russell Brand, Steve Carell.							
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "I Bet It Stung"	Married1stSight "Great Expectations"	Married1stSight	Married at (N)	Married "Second Honeymoons" (N)	Love at First Flight (N)				(2:20) Love at First Flight		
39	ROOT	(39) (5:00) MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Kansas City Royals (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Kansas City Royals Site: Kauffman Stadium -- Kansas City, Mo.							Post-game	
39	FS1	(39) UEFA Soccer Champions League		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					Speak for Yourself	
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels (N)				Ink Master: Angels		
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Another Period	Another Period	The Daily Show	The Opposition	
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "Viking Sword"	Forged in Fire "Deer Horn Knives"	Forged in Fire "Jumonji Yari" (N)	Forged in Fire "The Kabyle Flyssa" (N)				(05) The Curse of Civil War Gold (N)	(05) Intervention in Fire "The Kabyle Flyssa"			
46	A&E	(46) Intervention "Samantha C"	Intervention "Sarah"	Intervention "Daniel/Robert"	Intervention "Daniel"								
47	TLC	(47) Trading Spaces	My Little Life "Little Beginnings"	L.P. "Four Generations of Roloffs" (N)	Little People "A Balancing Act" (N)	My Little Life "Little by Little" (N)					(05) Little People "A Balancing Act"		
48	DISC	(48) Deadliest Catch: On Deck "Lost at Sea"	Deadliest Catch "Missing in Action"	Deadliest Catch "Live Pre-Show" (N)	Deadliest Catch "Battle Lines" (N)	To Be Announced					(05) Deadliest Catch "Battle Lines"		
49	NGEO	(49) After Hitler "Part One"	After Hitler "Part Two"	Nazi Underworld "Hitler's Architect"	Nazi Underworld "Hitler's Money"	Inside the 55 "Rise to Power" (N)					Nazi Underworld "Hitler's Women"		
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Boston vs Washington (L)		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)		Inside the NBA					NBA Basketball Boston vs Washington		
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** The Rock (1996, Action) Nicolas Cage, Ed Harris, Sean Connery.		*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Jeff Goldblum, Will Smith.							Point Break '91, Drama) Patrick Swayze.		
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown			Unsolved "Half the Job" (N)	(05) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ace"			
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "Chopped: College"	Chopped "College Challenge"	Chopped "Money Saver"	Chopped "Cheap Eats"				Chopped "You've Been Canned" (N)	Chopped "Basket Buzz" (N)			
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer "Traditional Goes Ultra Modern"	Fixer Upper "New Chapter, New House"	Fixer Upper (N)	House Hunters (N)	Good Bones (N)			House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	
56	FX	(56) Movie	Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor, Mark Wahlberg.						Legion "Chapter 10" David meets his oldest enemy. (N)	Legion			
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360			Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night			Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Standard Burger"			Profit "Showdown at Standard Burger"		Paid Program		
63	BRV	(63) Beverly Hills "Reunion Part 3" Pt. 3 of 3	Beverly Hills "Dames, Dogs and Danke"	Beverly Hills Social		Beverly Hills (N)			The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills		Watch What (N)	Beverly Hills	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Two Weeks With Love	*** A Date With Judy ('48, Mus) Jane Powell, Elizabeth Taylor, Wallace Beery.	*** Hit the Deck (1955, Musical) Debbie Reynolds, Walter Pidgeon, Tony Martin.							Nancy Goes to Rio ('50) Jane Powell.		
65	SYFY	(65) (5:45) *** Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory ('71) Gene Wilder.		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen (N)	Women's Rodeo	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen		Women's Rodeo	Product Showcase	