

Ex-Trump lawyer Cohen gets 3 years in prison

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NEW YORK — Michael Cohen, who as President Donald Trump's personal lawyer and fixer once vowed he would "take a bullet" for his boss, was sentenced today to three years in prison for an array of crimes that included arranging the payment of hush money to two women that he says was done at the direction of Trump.

The sentence was in line with what federal prosecutors asked for. Sentencing guidelines called for around four to five years behind bars, and prosecutors asked in court papers that Cohen be given only a slight break. U.S. District Judge Wil-

liam H. Pauley III said Cohen deserved modest credit for his decision over the summer to admit guilt and cooperate in a federal investigation of efforts by Russians to influence the presidential election, but his assistance "does not wipe the slate clean."

"Somewhere along the way Mr. Cohen appears to have lost his moral compass," the judge said. "As a lawyer, Mr. Cohen should have known better."

Cohen told the judge just before he was sentenced that loyalty to Trump led him astray.

"It was my blind loyalty to this man that led me to take a path of darkness instead of light," he said. "I felt it was my duty to cover up his dirty deeds."

Cohen's lawyers had



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Michael Cohen, right, arrives at federal court with his daughter, Samantha Cohen, center, and son, Jake Cohen.

argued for leniency, saying he decided to cooperate with investigators rather than hold out for a possible pardon.

"He came forward to offer evidence against the most powerful person in our country," Cohen's lawyer, Guy Petrillo, told the judge during the hearing.

and Playboy model Karen McDougal, both of whom said they had sexual encounters with Trump.

Cohen became the first — and so far, only — member of Trump's circle during two years of investigations to go into open court and implicate the president in a crime, though whether a president can be prosecuted is a matter of legal dispute.

Last month, Cohen also pleaded guilty to lying to Congress about Trump's business dealings in Russia. He admitted hiding the fact that he was negotiating a proposal to build a Trump skyscraper in Moscow well into the presidential campaign. He said he lied out of devotion to Trump, who had insisted during the campaign that he had no business ties whatsoever to Russia.

The sentence was the culmination of a spectacular rise and fast fall of a lawyer who attached himself to the fortunes of his biggest client, helped him get elected president, then turned on him, cooperating with two interconnected investigations: one run by federal prosecutors in New York, the other by special counsel Robert Mueller, who is looking into Russian efforts to influence the race for the White House.

At the sentencing hearing, a prosecutor in Mueller's office, Jeannie Rhee, said Cohen has "sought to tell us the truth and that is of the utmost value to us."

"He has provided consistent and credible information about core Russia-related issues under investigation," she said without elaborating.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Flynn's lawyers say his lie to FBI 'uncharacteristic'

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for President Donald Trump's former national security adviser Michael Flynn are asking a judge to spare him prison time, saying he had devoted his career to his country and taken responsibility for an "uncharacteristic error in judgment."

The arguments to the judge Tuesday echoed those of special counsel Robert Mueller's office, which last week said Flynn's cooperation — including 19 meetings with investigators — was so extensive that he was entitled to avoid a prison sentence.

Flynn, who pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about conversations during the presidential transition period with the then-Russian ambassador to the United States, will next week become the first White House official punished in the special counsel's ongoing probe into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia during the 2016 presidential election.

Flynn's absence from the public eye, despite entreaties from supporters to take an aggressive stance against the Russia investigation, has made him a source of continuing intrigue. His sentencing has the makings of a bookend moment for the investigation given that Flynn — a visible presence on the campaign trail, in high-level transition talks and in the chaotic early days of the administration — was an early, and pivotal, part of the case who appeared to enjoy the president's sympathy even after his departure from the White House.

Central to the investigation are Fly-

nn's December 2016 phone discussions of Obama administration sanctions with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak, conversations that triggered intelligence community alarms and led to his ouster from the administration after officials said he had lied to them about the communications.

France: Massive manhunt for gunman after attack

STRASBOURG, France — A massive manhunt involving hundreds of police and soldiers was underway today for a suspected extremist who yelled "God is great!" in Arabic during a shooting spree around one of Europe's most famous Christmas markets. The assault in the eastern French city of Strasbourg killed two, left one person brain dead and injured 12 others, authorities said.

Police union officials identified the suspected assailant as Frenchman Cherif Chekatt, a 29-year-old with a thick police record for crimes including armed robbery and monitored as a suspected religious radical by the French intelligence services. His parents and two brothers, also known for radicalism, have been detained.

Reflecting Strasbourg's international nature, the dead included a Thai tourist, and an Italian was reportedly among the wounded. The U.S. government, among others, warned citizens in the area to be vigilant. The city is home to the European Parliament and considers itself a capital of Europe — and promotes itself as the "capital of Christmas."

Some 720 members of the security forces were hunting for the gunman today. Prosecu-

tor Remy Heitz said Chekatt was shot in the arm during an exchange of fire with French soldiers during his rampage in the city center on Tuesday. He then took a taxi to another part of the city, boasting of the attack to the driver. There, he exchanged more gunfire with police and disappeared.

The attack is a new blow to France, which saw a wave of Islamic extremist killings in 2015 and 2016. It came amid a month of protests against President Emmanuel Macron that have blocked roads around the country, led to rioting in the capital and put heavy strain on police.

Ex-judges: End immigration arrests at courthouses

BOSTON — Dozens of retired state and federal judges called today on U.S. immigration officials to stop making arrests at courthouses of people suspected of being in the country illegally, saying immigrants should be free to visit halls of justice without fearing they will be detained.

Nearly 70 former judges from 23 states — including federal judges and state supreme court justices — said in a letter sent to Acting U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Ronald Vitiello that courthouse arrests are disrupting the criminal justice system.

The judges are urging Vitiello to add courthouses to the list of so-called "sensitive locations" that are generally free from immigration enforcement, like schools and places of worship. They say that only "unequivocal guarantees and protections will restore the public's confidence that it can safely pursue justice in our nation's courts."

Immigration officials have said communities are forcing their hand by refusing to transfer immigrants in local prisons and jails to ICE custody. They also argue that courthouse arrests are safer for agents because people have to go through metal detectors when they enter courthouses.

ICE says it's going into courthouses only for certain targets, like gang members and public safety threats and immigrants who have been previously deported or ordered to leave.

UN chief calls for compromise and sacrifice at climate talks

KATOWICE, Poland — The United Nations secretary-general called on countries to make compromises and sacrifices in talks over tackling global warming, as some observers warned the meeting in Poland could collapse without an agreement on key issues.

Making his second dramatic appeal in the space of 10 days, Antonio Guterres told ministers and senior diplomats from almost 200 countries that they should consider the fate of future generations.

His call came as the two-week meeting in Katowice shifted from the technical to political phase, with ministers taking over negotiations.

Campaign groups warned of the risks of failure and accused powerful players such as the European Union of not pushing hard enough to reach an agreement.

"A new leadership must step up," said Vanessa Perez-Cirera of the environmental group WWF. "We cannot afford to lose one of the twelve years we have remaining."

THE DAILY ASTORIAN



TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings
WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 12	
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! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Little Things "Christmas Wishlist" (N)		News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	Am.Housewife (N)	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Little Things "Christmas Wishlist" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	GameGames "Holiday Spectacular" (N)	BigShot "Little Big Holiday Special" (N)	BigShot "Little Big Holiday Special" (N)	Legendary Christmas	Legendary Christmas		KING 5 News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (N)	SEAL Team "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	SEAL Team "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	Criminal Minds "Flesh and Blood" (N)	Criminal Minds "Flesh and Blood" (N)		News (N)	(3:35) Colbert (N)
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Survivor: David vs. Goliath (N)	SEAL Team "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	SEAL Team "Prisoner's Dilemma" (N)	Criminal Minds "Flesh and Blood" (N)	Criminal Minds "Flesh and Blood" (N)		KIRO 7 News (N)	(3:35) Colbert (N)
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	GameGames "Holiday Spectacular" (N)	BigShot "Little Big Holiday Special" (N)	BigShot "Little Big Holiday Special" (N)	Legendary Christmas	Legendary Christmas		News (N)	(3:35) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	River "Chapter Forty-Three: Outbreak"	All American "Homecoming"	All American "Homecoming"	News (N)	Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Nature	Nova "Ultimate Cruise Ship"	Nova "Ultimate Cruise Ship"	Ancient Invisible Cities "Athens"	Ancient Invisible Cities "Athens"		City in the Sky "Departure"	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Empire "Pay for Their Presumptions"	Star "Who's the Daddy"	Star "Who's the Daddy"	10 O'Clock News (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Star "Who's the Daddy"	Star "Who's the Daddy"	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game 2/2
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Pay for Their Presumptions"	Star "Who's the Daddy"	Star "Who's the Daddy"	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Empire "Pay for Their Presumptions"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal (N)		Full Frontal	Movie
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs New Orleans (L)		NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Golden State Warriors Site		Oracle Arena - Oakland, Calif. (L)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	Baseball Tonight	Interruption		NBA Basketball Okl./N.O.	
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball Louisiana State University vs. Houston (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	Baseball Tonight	Interruption		NBA Basketball Okl./N.O.	
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	NickyRickyDicky	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends		Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd		Raven's Home 1/2	Raven's Home 2/2
34	FAM	(34) Movie	*** Finding Nemo (2003, Animated)	Voices of Ellen DeGeneres, Willem Dafoe, Albert Brooks.		*** A Christmas Carol ('09, Ani)	Voices of Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Jim Carrey.	*** A Christmas Carol ('09, Ani)	Voices of Gary Oldman, Colin Firth, Jim Carrey.			The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:30) Krampus (2015, Horror) Adam Scott, Toni Collette.		(4:45) *** Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse ('15) Tye Sheridan.		(4:40) *** Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse ('15) Tye Sheridan.		(4:40) *** Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse ('15) Tye Sheridan.					FXM Presents
36	LIFE	(36) A Twist of Christmas (2018, Family) Brendon Zub, Vanessa Lachey.		Every Day Is Christmas ('18, Rom) Gloria Reuben, Towanda Braxton, Toni Braxton.		(10:55) Wrapped Up in Christmas ('17, Rom) Brendan Fehr, Kim Fields, Tatyana Ali.		(10:55) Wrapped Up in Christmas ('17, Rom) Brendan Fehr, Kim Fields, Tatyana Ali.					
39	ROOT	(39) Ship Shape TV	Journal	Charlie Moore	Wild Places	Xterra Adventures Snow Motion	Press Pass (N)	In Depth	NCAA Basketball Lipscomb at Louisville				
39	FS1	(39) (5:00) NCAA Basketball Chi. St./Dep. (L)		NFL Films (N)	Turning Point (N)	Speak for Yourself	TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shanon: Disputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.				Fair Game	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Creed (2015, Sport) Sylvester Stallone, Tessa Thompson, Michael B. Jordan.				
44	COM	(44) (1:15) South Park	(5:00) South Park	"Tegridy Farms" (2:25) South Park		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park (N)	BoJack (N)		The Daily Show (N)	The Office
45	HIST	(45) Forged "International Championship"		Forged in Fire "The Steel Crossbow"		Vikings "Murder Most Foul"		Vikings "A New God" (N)		Forged Fire "The Pipe Tomahawks" (N)		Forged in Fire "Viking Battle Axe"	
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars		Storage Wars	Storage Wars
47	TLC	(47) My 600-lb Life "Olivia's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Diana's Story" Once thin and active, Diana is now 620lbs.		By the Ton "Time Is of the Essence"		My 600-lb Life "Gideon's Story"			
48	DISC	(48) Naked "Category Five Survival"		Border Live "December 5, 2018" 1/2		Border Live "December 5, 2018" 2/2		Border Live "December 12, 2018" Pt. 2 of 2 (N)		Paris to Pittsburgh		(2:25) Paris to Pittsburgh	
49	NGEO	(49) Wild Thailand "Elephant Forest"		Wild Thailand "Hidden Tiger"		Wild Galapagos		Wild Galapagos		(2:25) Paris to Pittsburgh		(2:25) Paris to Pittsburgh	(4:45) Galapagos
50	TNT	(50) (5:30) *** Jack the Giant Slayer ('13) Ewan McGregor, Nicholas Hoult.		*** Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016, Action) Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck.		*** Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016, Action) Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck.		*** Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (2016, Action) Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ben Affleck.		(1:15) Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.		(1:15) Godzilla ('14, Act) Elizabeth Olsen.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) Mr. Popper's Penguins		*** The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.		*** The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.		*** The Santa Clause 2 (2002, Family) Elizabeth Mitchell, Eric Lloyd, Tim Allen.		NCIS "Return to Sender"		Modern Family	Modern Family
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Decompressed"		NCIS "React"		NCIS "After Hours"		NCIS "Scope"		NCIS "Return to Sender"		Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Game "Big Bacon Battle"		Guy's Grocery Games "Spice Masters"		Guy's Game "Ultimate Beef Battle" (N)		Guy's Game "Joy to the Judges"		Game "Dashing Through the Aisles"	
54	HGTv	(54) Buying and Selling		Buying "A Number-One Hit Property"		Property Brothers "Mad About Plaid"		Property Brothers (N)		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)		Property Brothers "Big City Move"	
56	FX	(56) Ice Age: Collision Course ('16, Ani) John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Ray Romano.		Trolls (2016, Animated) Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, Anna Kendrick.		Trolls (2016, Animated) Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, Anna Kendrick.		Trolls (2016, Animated) Justin Timberlake, Zooey Deschanel, Anna Kendrick.		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Cuomo Cooper 360		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Deal or No Deal (N)		Deal or No Deal "Happy Howie Days"		Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal "Family Value\$"		Deal or No Deal "I'm Dancin' Here!"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Wives NJ "The Jersey Breakfast Club"		Wives NJ "Housewives and Heifers"		Housewives NJ "Turkish Delights"		Wives NJ "Last Fling Before The Ring" (N)		Wives Dallas "Reunion Part Two" 2/2		Watch What (N)	Housewives NJ
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) To Be Announced											
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) The Fast & the Furious: Tokyo...		(1:15) *** Fast Five (2011, Action) Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson, Vin Diesel.						Nightflyers "Icarus" (N)		(5:55) Tron: Legacy ('10, Adv) Jeff Bridges.	
162	RFD	(162) Dude Ranch (N)	Cowboy (N)	W. Rodeo (N)	Equestrian Nat.	Total Team Roping	Rural Eve. News	WesternSport	Cash Cowboys	Dude Ranch	Cowboy Moments	Product Showcase	

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