

ON RICK GATES' EXPANSIVE COOPERATION

Much has been made from something in a status update in Rick Gates' case the other day. In asking for a two month delay on sentencing (the last one was for three months), the parties revealed that Gates is cooperating on "several ongoing investigations."

1. The parties previously filed a Joint Status Report on August 10, 2018 and proposed to send an ensuing report within ninety days and no later than November 10, 2018. To date, the status of this matter has not changed substantially since the August report, as defendant Gates continues to cooperate with respect to several ongoing investigations, and accordingly the parties do not believe it is appropriate to commence the sentencing process at this time.

2. The parties respectfully request that they provide a joint status report within sixty days, no later than January 15, 2019.

So he's working on more than Mueller's investigation (if he's even still focusing on that; I've seen no report of him appearing at Mueller's office).

That actually shouldn't be that big a surprise. As part of his plea agreement, Sam Patten – who like Gates had close ties to Konstantin Kilimnik – is required to cooperate with "this Office, the Special Counsel's Office, and other law enforcement authorities." That means Patten is, at a minimum, cooperating with Mueller and a separate investigation out of the DC US Attorney's Office (with whom he signed his plea). Plus, when Kyle Freny left Mueller's

office last month, she may have brought some part of the money laundering investigation Mueller was doing with her; one obvious candidate might be Trump's Inauguration Pay-to-Play.