

RUDY'S OTHER GRIFTER PREPARES TO PLEAD GUILTY

Earlier this month, I described how the government was sharing a bunch of evidence with Lev Parnas and his co-defendants. Most of it, the government explained, didn't pertain to the trial due to start in October.

That suggested the government was showing Parnas and Igor Fruman what further legal jeopardy they faced in an effort to get them to flip.

[A] substantial amount of what the government is sharing is discovery on the *additional charges* Fruman and especially Parnas face, after they're done with October's trial and even after Parnas is done with a second, Fraud Guarantee trial. The government is effectively showing Rudy's grifters what they have to look forward to in a Foreign Agent case involving Rudy Giuliani.

This is, almost certainly, an effort to convince them to plead guilty and flip on Rudy, which explains why the government is so intent on keeping the trial scheduled for October, to increase the pressure on the grifters.

Today, Fruman filed a change of plea notice. He'll plead guilty on Wednesday.

While that doesn't guarantee he'll flip and cooperate against whatever defendants remain, he'll get the most benefit at sentencing if he does.

That cooperation would presumably include, at a minimum, Rudy Giuliani for his efforts to get Marie Yovanovitch fired, an effort that led to impeachment in 2019.