

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON RUDY AND LEV WARRANTS

In the last few months, NYT asked to and did liberate the warrants in the Lev Parnas investigation and the expansion of the investigation into Rudy Giuliani on Lisa Monaco's first day on the job.

The Rudy warrants are very tidy. They include:

- Warrant for Rudy's office
- Warrant for Rudy's home
- Warrant for any and all devices in Rudy's home, including five phones, two iPads, and a MacBook described specifically
- The affidavit showing probable cause for all the above

The Parnas warrants are a godawful mess – the digital equivalent of someone throwing 1,000 pages incorporating 30 or so documents on the floor, intermixing them all, thereby confusing where one document begins and the next ends. Here's what just half look like: SDNY repeatedly split affidavits across multiple documents.

44 R	Exhibit Affidavit	55 pages	4.7 MB
45 R	Exhibit Affidavit	55 pages	5.8 MB
46 R	Exhibit Affidavit	55 pages	7.6 MB
47 R	Exhibit Exhibit	36 pages	8.7 MB
48 R	Exhibit Exhibit	11 pages	8.5 MB
49 R	Exhibit Exhibit	5 pages	3.4 MB
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55	Exhibit Exhibit	11 pages	8.9 MB
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57	Exhibit Exhibit	11 pages	8.6 MB
58	Exhibit Search Warrant	5 pages	469.2 KB
59 R	Exhibit Affidavit	46 pages	5.5 MB
60 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	5 pages	451.5 KB
61	Exhibit Search Warrant	25 pages	5.0 MB
62 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	15 pages	9.1 MB
63	Exhibit Search Warrant	10 pages	5.5 MB
64 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	10 pages	6.1 MB
65 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	20 pages	2.5 MB
66 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	40 pages	3.7 MB
67 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	40 pages	4.6 MB
68 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	38 pages	4.0 MB
69 R	Exhibit Search Warrant & Affidavit	85 pages	9.3 MB
70 R	Exhibit Affidavit	72 pages	8.1 MB
71 R	Exhibit Affidavit	75 pages	8.4 MB
72 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	4 pages	349.1 KB
73 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	8 pages	723.2 KB
74 R	Exhibit Search Warrant	4 pages	503.2 KB

Bad words have been said in the Wheeler home today as a result.

Very bad words. And loudly.

For now, these two affidavits regarding Parnas provide a key introduction:

- February 28, 2020: This warrant affidavit regarding Fraud Guarantee – the only ongoing investigation after Barr intervened to shut down any investigation into Rudy and after Parnas agreed to cooperate with impeachment – summarizes many if not all of the earlier warrants targeting Parnas.
- December 10, 2019: This warrant, for Parnas’

Instagram account, is (for the moment) the most intact warrant describing the investigation as it was before Barr shut down any natural development. Temporally, it ends with a description of Trump's perfect phone call with Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

I suspect the Parnas docket may look like it does to obscure what happened to the investigation when Barr intervened. Notably, while both sets of warrants make it clear that the Bidens were part of the project, there is much less focus on it in the Rudy warrants.

All that said, reviewing the Rudy affidavit, I have zero doubt – zero – that this affidavit was *intended* to obtain content for more than just the Foreign Agent investigation into Rudy. I was always confident that DOJ had set up that possibility (relatedly, former DOJ spox Anthony Coley pointed to this Politico story as proof that Garland nay-sayers have always been wrong), but there are several signs in this affidavit (which I'll return to) that was the idea.

That said, as I reported, many of the devices seized with the Rudy warrant were corrupted, making them useless for any investigation.