

PAM BONDI COVERS UP FOREIGN INFLUENCE PEDDLING AND LYING TO THE FBI

Before you watch this superb CPAC *performance* by the woman paid to enforce the law in the United States, peek ahead to this spoiler.

Eric Adams' lawyers – Alex Spiro (the lawyer the Mayor shares with Elon Musk) and Bill Burck (the lawyer the Mayor shares with Trump Organization) – sent Judge Ho a letter celebrating the kind of improper out-of-court public statements they were wailing about in December.

We are writing to alert the Court to recent out-of-court statements by Attorney General Pam Bondi and her chief of staff that constitute admissions of a party opponent under the Federal Rules of Evidence. Fed. R. Evid. 801(d)(2). The Attorney General described the indictment in this case as “incredibly weak,” and said that the charges against the Mayor were so weak she doubted prosecutors could secure a guilty verdict. “That,” she said, “is the weaponization of government.” Her statements followed similar statements by her chief of staff on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. See, e.g., Chad Mizelle, @ChadMizelle47, X (Feb. 19, 2025 12:42 PM), <https://x.com/chadmizelle47/status/1892268416267911251?s=46> (“The case against Mayor Adams was just one in a long history of past DOJ actions that represent grave errors of judgement.”); *id.* (“Dismissing the prosecution was absolutely the right call.”). The Acting Deputy Attorney General has similarly recognized that this “case turns on factual and legal theories that are, at

best, extremely aggressive.” Dkt. 125-2 at 7.

When Damien Williams posted a website barely mentioning Adams, Spiro deemed it a dangerous attempt to influence a legal outcome. But when AG Bondi went to a raging conference featuring Nazi salutes to give this error-riddled screed, Spiro and Burck proclaimed it federal evidence.

And perhaps Quinn Emanuel’s prominence makes them sluggish. But they posted this more than two hours after Judge Ho issued his order appointing Paul Clement as amicus, seemingly mooting this kind of stunt lawyering.

With that in mind, I give you a woman who claims to want to take on drug cartels but seems scared to take the A train uptown:

Ted Cruz: So, so Pam, the media are going crazy about New York Mayor Eric Adams and the charges that were dismissed against him.

Pam Bondi: So glad you brought that up.

Ted Cruz: Um, tell us what the story is, what happened there, and why were the charges dismissed?

Pam Bondi: Sure. And Emil, who has done an incredible job, he worked on this case, he looked at this case.

It was an incredibly weak case filed to make deportation harder. That’s why they did it. They took one of the biggest mayors in the country off the playing field in order to protect their sanctuary city. This case, it was so incredibly weak. **It was about increases in airline tickets, uh, upgrades in airline tickets in his official capacity** without getting into all the details of, of the fact, I don’t even think it could survive a verdict.

Excuse me. Incredibly weak case. That is the weaponization of government. That's lawfare. When you're filing, that's lawfare. When you're filing cases like that to keep someone who criticized Joe Biden who said – they took away his security clearance – So he could not get the details, so he could not help enforce the deportation efforts in New York.

And, you know, these people are going after him. *Ride a subway in New York. It's not safe.* Violent crime is at an all time high, and that's what they're doing? So it's not about weaponization, it's about ending their weaponization of the government and fighting violent crime and enabling cities like New York and mayors like Eric Adams to enforce Donald Trump's immigration policies.
[emphasis mine]

So much garbage here.

No, Teddy Cancun. The charges have not yet been dismissed – that's not how this works.

No, Pam, violent crime is not at an all-time high—under Joe Biden violent crime went down. Murders, at least, are down in NYC. Subway crime was already down – and then it came down further after congestion pricing went into effect, something your boss is trying to reverse, something your Department will have to litigate in court and on which you have now demonstrated bias.

How the hell does the Attorney General [pretend not to] know this?

I have requested comment about Ms. Bondi's misrepresentations from DOJ.

But it's Bondi's misrepresentation of the crimes charged against Adams – and the charges that Emil Bove's intervention staved off – that facilitates corruption.

Whereas her Chief of Staff, Chad Mizelle (in misleading screed also shared by Spiro and Burck) dismissed the four counts of the indictment that pertain to straw and illegal foreign donations by claiming they were just the campaign donations of a successful politician:

But all successful politicians, no matter the party, receive campaign contributions.

Bondi simply found a different way to hide the allegations that that Mayor Adams has been on the take from Türkiye.

She claimed that, "It was about increases in airline tickets, uh, upgrades in airline tickets in his official capacity." Whereas Mizelle claimed this was *only* about campaign contributions (even the foreign ones of which he treated as legal), Pam Bondi claimed it was *only* about airplane upgrades.

The indictment debunks the Attorney General's claim that this was just about official travel. Just one of Adams' Turkish trips was treated as an official trip would have been, with full transparency.

10. In 2015, ERIC ADAMS, the defendant, took two official trips to Turkey. His first trip, in August 2015, was arranged by the Turkish Consulate General in New York City (the "Turkish Consulate") and paid for in part by the Turkish Consulate and in part by a for-profit educational conglomerate based in Istanbul (the "Turkish University"). The second trip, in December 2015, was arranged by the Turkish Official and a Turkish entrepreneur (the "Promoter") whose business includes organizing events to introduce Turkish corporations and businesspeople to politicians, celebrities, and others whose influence may benefit the corporations and businesspeople. For both trips, ADAMS

received free business class tickets on the Turkish Airline. Unlike ADAMS 's subsequent travel with the Turkish Airline, ADAMS reported his 2015 travel to Turkey on financial disclosure forms filed with the New York City Conflict of Interest Board (the "COIB"), as he was required to do annually at all times relevant to this Indictment.

As the indictment alleges, for his other trips facilitated by Türkiye, at times routed awkwardly through Istanbul so he could avail of these benefits, Adams hid the benefits.

ADAMS did not disclose the travel benefits he had obtained in annual financial disclosures he was required to file as a New York City employee. Sometimes, ADAMS agreed to pay a nominal fee to create the appearance of having paid for travel that was in fact heavily discounted. Other times, ADAMS created and instructed others to create fake paper trails, falsely suggesting that he had paid, or planned to pay, for travel benefits that were actually free. And ADAMS deleted messages with others involved in his misconduct, including, in one instance, assuring a co-conspirator in writing that he "always" deleted her messages.

But contrary to the Attorney General's misrepresentation, this is not just about airplane upgrades (or luxury hotels in Türkiye).

The indictment describes how Adams repeatedly laundered Turkish donations through straw donors in the US. Both Bondi and Mizelle keep suggesting to their audience that ... none of this matters, none of this – charged as foreign donations exceeding \$25,000 in both 2021 and 2023 – compromises New York City governance and US security.

b. On June 14, 2018, the Turkish Official exchanged messages with the Adams Staffer, asking "how much can companies donate?" 1 The Adams Staffer explained that only individuals could donate to the 2021 Campaign.

c. On June 22, 2018, ADAMS attended a fundraiser for the 2021 Campaign. The Airline Manager, among others, organized and attended the event. Following the event, the Turkish Official messaged the Adams Staffer, asking for the "list of the participants of the June 22 meeting," The Adams Staffer then sent the Turkish Official "The list for 6/22/18," which included the names of various persons who donated to the 2021 Campaign in the preceding days or who donated in the following days, raising in excess of \$15,000.

d. A promotional flyer for the June 22, 2018 fundraiser listed as one of the fundraiser's hosts a friend of the Airline Manager who owned an airport transportation business ("Businessman-2"), In a series of messages exchanged with the Adams Staffer, Businessman-2 stated that he had facilitated a straw donation through an associate, Records from the CFB show that the associate ultimately donated \$3,000 in his own name and described himself as unemployed.

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20. ERIC ADAMS, the defendant, also sought to arrange for his campaigns to receive unlawful contributions from Turkish nationals, which would be routed through U.S.-based straw donors.

a. On June 22, 2018-the same day as the fundraising event just described-the Adams Staffer and the Promoter discussed by text message a possible trip by ADAMS

to Turkey. The Promoter stated, in part, "Fund Raising in Turkey is not legal, but I think I can raise money for your campaign off the record." The Adams Staffer inquired, "How will [ADAMS] declare that money here?" The Promoter responded, "He won't declare it ... Or ... We'll make the donation through an American citizen in the U.S A Turk ... I'll give cash to him in Turkey ... Or I'll send it to an American ... He will make a donation to you." The Adams Staffer replied, "I think he wouldn't get involved in such games. They might cause a big stink later on," but "I'll ask anyways." The Adams Staffer then asked, "how much do you think would come from you? \$?" The Promoter responded, "Max \$100K." The Adams Staffer wrote, "100K? Do you have a chance to transfer that here? ... We can't do it while Eric is in Turkey," to which the Promoter replied, "Let's think." After this conversation, the Adams Staffer asked ADAMS whether the Adams Staffer should pursue the unlawful foreign contributions offered by the Promoter, and contrary to the Adams Staffer's expectations, ADAMS directed that the Adams Staffer pursue the Promoter's illegal scheme.

b. In November 2018, Businessman-1-the wealthy Turkish national who owned the Turkish University, a for-profit educational conglomerate in Turkey, and whom ADAMS met there in 2015-visited New York City. ADAMS and the Adams Staffer met with Businessman-1 at Brooklyn Borough Hall. At the close of the meeting, Businessman-1 offered to contribute funds to the 2021 Campaign. Although ADAMS knew that Businessman-1 was a Turkish national who could not lawfully contribute to U.S. elections, ADAMS directed the Adams Staffer to obtain the illegal contributions offered

by Businessman-1. Following up on this directive, ADAMS wrote to the Adams Staffer that Businessman-1 "is ready to help. I don't want his willing to help be waisted [sic]." As ADAMS directed, the Adams Staffer maintained contact with Businessman-1 through intermediaries, culminating in ADAMS accepting straw donations of Businessman-1's money, discussed below.

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b. On July 11, 2021, the Adams Staffer asked the Promoter how much would be donated, explaining in a message that she needed to "tell [ADAMS] a net number." When the Promoter estimated between \$35,000 and \$50,000, the Adams Staffer replied that the Promoter earlier "had mentioned 200K." When the Promoter explained that the requisite number of straw donors could not be gathered, the Adams Staffer offered to help with that aspect of the scheme. The Promoter responded, "Hnnnm then great," and when the Adams Staffer then wrote "From what I gathered you'll distribute the money," the Promoter responded "Yes." The Adams Staffer later told ADAMS that the estimated total amount of the foreign donations would be \$45,000.

c. In August 2021, the Promoter, the Adams Staffer, and the president of the Turkish University's American campus (the "University President") exchanged messages and voice notes explicitly discussing the plan to funnel Businessman-1 's contribution to the 2021 Campaign through the Turkish University's U.S.-based employees. The Promoter assured the Adams Staffer that those employees are "[U.S.] citizens and green card holders." The Adams Staffer told ADAMS about the plan to funnel Businessman-1 's contribution through

U.S.-based straw donors, and ADAMS approved the plan, knowing that Businessman-1 was a Turkish citizen.

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b. The Adams Fundraiser suggested that the true foreign donors make their contributions through straw donors considerably in advance of the event at which ADAMS would meet the true foreign donors, so that the event did not appear connected to the contributions. As the Adams Staffer explained to the Adams Fundraiser in a text message regarding the planned attendees, "Mayor knows most of them from turkey[.] The People who has business here as well." The Adams Staffer and the Promoter agreed to execute this plan, which ADAMS approved.

c. The Adams Fundraiser, the Promoter, and the Adams Staffer scheduled an event for September 20, 2023 in a private room at a Manhattan hotel. To conceal the event's true purpose, the Promoter provided a PowerPoint presentation billing the event as a dinner hosted by "International Sustainability Leaders" with the subject "Sustainable Destinations" and an attendance price of \$5,000. The event was not publicized or listed on ADAMS's public calendar. The Adams Fundraiser entered the event on ADAMS's private calendar as a "Fundraiser for Eric Adams 2025," with the host listed as the Promoter, a goal of "25k," and the note "Total Submitted before the event: \$22,800."

d. Prior to the scheduled fundraiser, the Promoter collected payments of \$5,000 or more from attendees, many of whom were foreign nationals. The Promoter then used a portion of the attendees' payments to make straw donations to the 2025 Campaign, by sending cash from the foreign national

donors to the Adams Staffer. The Adams Staffer then distributed \$2,100 in cash to at least three straw donors who each made an online \$2,100 contribution to the 2025 Campaign

In other words, to sustain her claims of weaponization before the braying mob, the Attorney General of the United States completely dismisses the import of public officials secretly being on the take of foreign powers.

And all that's before the efforts to lie to the FBI and destroy evidence with which SDNY was poised to charge the Mayor, before Emil Bove intervened just in time, a planned indictment about which Bondi had personal notice.

As you know, our office is prepared to seek a superseding indictment from a new grand jury under my leadership. We have proposed a superseding indictment that would add an obstruction conspiracy count based on evidence that Adams destroyed and instructed others to destroy evidence and provide false information to the FBI, and that would add further factual allegations regarding his participation in a fraudulent straw donor scheme.

In her first big public appearance, in her public effort to substantiate her claims of weaponization, Pam Bondi lied. She lied about threats to America. She lied about foreign influence peddling. She lied to cover up lies to the FBI. She even lied – or perhaps simply confessed a white non-resident's terror – about the New York Subway.

In her first big public appearance, Pam Bondi lied to cover up the true nature of allegations charged against a corrupt Democrat.