THE "TRIALS" OF TRUMP: FATHER AND SON

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SCOTUS NEWS

Supreme Court takes up Trump immunity appeal



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The justices will hear oral argument in Trump v. United States in April. (Katie Barlow)

The Supreme Court on Wednesday agreed to decide whether former President Donald Trump can be tried on criminal charges that he conspired to overturn the results of the 2020 election. In a one-page unsigned order, the justices ordered a federal appeals court to continue to keep on hold its ruling

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Unanimous? Top takeaways from Supreme Court's ruling to keep Trump on the ballot

Colorado was one of three states that sought to remove Trump from presidential ballots this year for insurrection, along with Illinois and Maine.

Maureen Groppe and Bart Jansen USA TODAY

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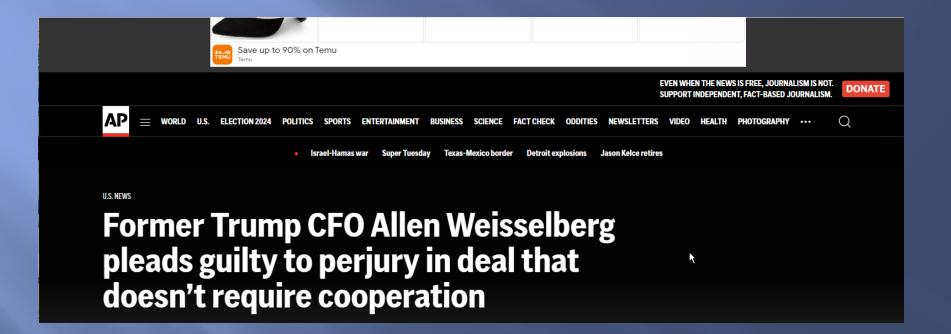












Weisselberg surrendered to the D.A.'s office Monday morning and entered court in handcuffs and a mask. He admitted lying when he testified he had little knowledge or awareness of how Trump's Manhattan penthouse came to be valued on his financial statements at <u>nearly three times its actual size</u>.

"You knew that testimony was false?" Judge Laurie Petersen asked Weisselberg on Monday.

"Yes," Weisselberg replied.

Weisselberg will be formally sentenced April 10. In agreeing to a five-month sentence, prosecutors cited Weisselberg's age and willingness to admit wrongdoing. In New York, perjury is a felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

THE CRIMINAL CASES

- Hush Money in New York state court. 34 counts.
 Trial schedule for March 25.
- Jan. 6 trial in DC federal court. Four counts of conspiracy to obstruct 2020 election results.
 Delayed by Supreme Court taking up immunity case. No trial date.
- Trying to undo 2020 election results in Georgia.
 13 charges in state court. Trial date unclear and defendants trying to disqualify prosecutor.

THE CRIMINAL CASES

• Federal classified documents case. 40 counts in Florida U.S. District Court. Trial date still being

decided.



UPCOMING CASE MARCH 25

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

-against-

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Defendant.

THE GRAND JURY OF THE COUNTY OF NEW YORK, by this indictment, accuses the defendant of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Penal Law §175.10, committed as follows:

The defendant, in the County of New York and elsewhere, on or about February 14, 2017, with intent to defraud and intent to commit another crime and aid and conceal the commission thereof, made and caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, to wit, an invoice from Michael Cohen dated February 14, 2017, marked as a record of the Donald J. Trump Revocable Trust, and kept and maintained by the Trump Organization.

THE COUNTS

TWENTY-SIXTH COUNT:

AND THE GRAND JURY AFORESAID, by this indictment, further accuses the defendant of the crime of FALSIFYING BUSINESS RECORDS IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Penal Law §175.10, committed as follows:

The defendant, in the County of New York and elsewhere, on or about October 18, 2017, with intent to defraud and intent to commit another crime and aid and conceal the commission thereof, made and caused a false entry in the business records of an enterprise, to wit, an invoice from Michael Cohen dated October 18, 2017, marked as a record of Donald J. Trump, and kept and maintained by the Trump Organization.

FRAUD CASE BOND

Separately, in <u>Trump's civil real estate fraud case</u>: A New York appeals court judge <u>refused to reduce the bond amount Trump must pay</u> to secure the half-billion-dollar judgment against him for fraudulently inflating Trump organization property values and assets. A multijudge panel will now consider the matter.

 The judge did lift a ban on Trump borrowing money from New York banks and said his adult sons could continue to serve in leadership positions in Trump's namesake company.

DONALD AND MEMORIES OF FRED



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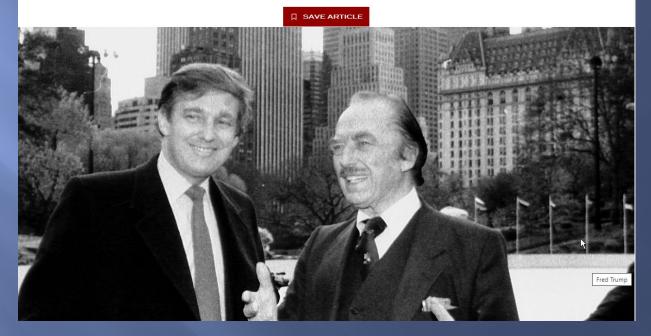
FRED TRUMP



16 Things You Didn't Know About Donald Trump's Father, Fred

The family patriarch had an enormous influence on the future president.

BY KAITLIN MENZA PUBLISHED: AUG 25, 2020



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DOING BETTER THAN DAD

Donald Trump has referred to his father Fred as his hero, role model, and best friend. The President followed in his dad's footsteps in many respects, joining his real estate management company and eventually expanding the family footprint into Manhattan, with more than a little help from dad.

His beloved father didn't live to see Donald's very successful first foray into politics; Fred passed away in 1999 at the age of 93. "I don't think I wanted to outdo him, but maybe psychologically I did," Donald has said. "You're always looking to do a little better than your parents... deep down inside, maybe I did."

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He revolutionized middle-class urban housing.

Fred started out building single-family homes in Queens, New York, then barracks for servicemen and their families in several cities during World War II, and finally yet more apartments in Brooklyn. Over the course of his career, he built 27,000 apartments in New York City.

SUBSIDIES AND POLITICIANS

He was called the "Henry Ford of the home-building industry."



Back in 1938, the local Brooklyn paper made the striking comparison.

In order to become a real estate juggernaut, Trump took full advantage of Federal Housing Authority subsidies, and was also known for ingratiating himself with local politicians to help his projects.

RACIST POLICIES

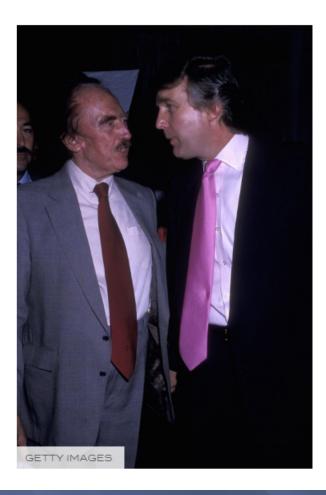


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Fred was investigated by the Justice Department for racist policies.

The government agency's Civil Rights
Division filed suit against the Trumps in
1973 due to evidence that their
company wasn't renting to black
families. They reached a settlement in
1975 with the agreement that Trump
Management would put out ads
targeting minority families; the family
admitted no wrongdoing.

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He pretended to be Swedish most of his life.



During and after World War II, Fred worried that his German ancestry would hurt his businesses, particularly with his many Jewish tenants. He and Donald both <u>maintained</u> this lie until the 1980s.



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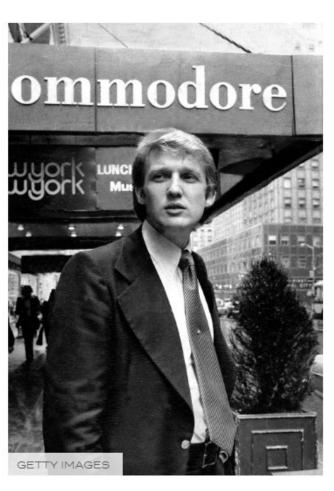
Woody Guthrie wrote a song about him.



One of Fred's tenants was folk singer Woody Guthie, who immortalized him in song: "I suppose/Old Man Trump knows/Just how much/Racial Hate/He stirred up/In the bloodpot of human hearts/When he drawed/That color line/Here at his/Eighteen hundred family project."

(Here, Fred and Donald pose with Mike Tyson.)

MANHATTAN DREAM



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Fred's the reason Donald set his sights on Manhattan.

In the interest of one-upping his famous dad, Donald's first major purchase (with the now-infamous \$1 million loan from Fred) was a hotel in Manhattan. "You know, being the son of somebody, it could have been competition to me," Trump has said. "This way, I got Manhattan all to myself!"

AT LEAST \$143 MILLION TO DONALD



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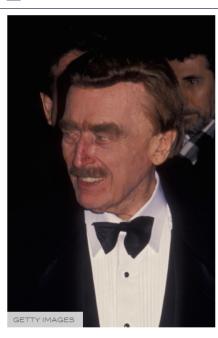
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He supported Donald's business ventures with hundreds of dollars.

A landmark <u>New York Times</u> investigation uncovered that despite the President's claims to being self-made, Fred gave Donald at least \$413 million from his own successful real estate business over the years. The *Times* also reported that Fred transferred some of this wealth through dubious tax schemes.

THE WILL

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His will became the subject of a well-publicized legal battle.

After Fred Trump's death in 1999, the family became embroiled in a legal fight over the patriarch's will. The two children of his late elder son, Mary Trump (of Too Much and Never Enough fame) and Fred Trump III, were shocked to learn that they were receiving the same as Fred Sr.'s other grandchildren, feeling their late father had essentially been written out of the will. They filed a lawsuit, alleging that Donald had pressured Fred Sr. to change his will while he was suffering from dementia. In response, Donald, Maryanne, and Robert dropped Mary and Fred III from the family health insurance plan, despite the fact that Fred III had recently had a son with medical issues that required expensive care. The suit was eventually settled confidentially.

DONALD IN CHARGE OF RENTALS

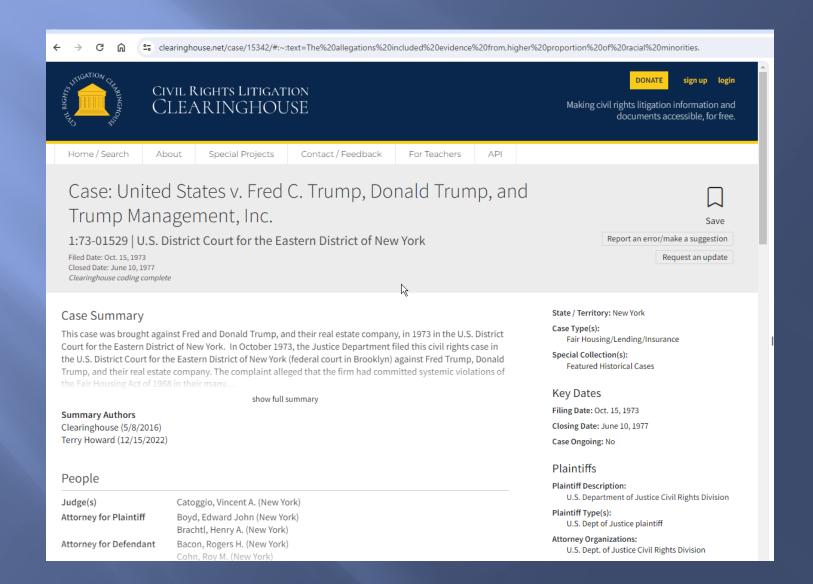


Donald Trump and Fred Trump. | Dennis Caruso/New York Daily News Archive via Getty

WB: I thought the most interesting part of the race case was that he claimed he had nothing to do with the rental of the apartments. And clearly they had a whole racially discriminatory pattern that was first seen by the Justice Department and ultimately that they signed a consent decree to correct.

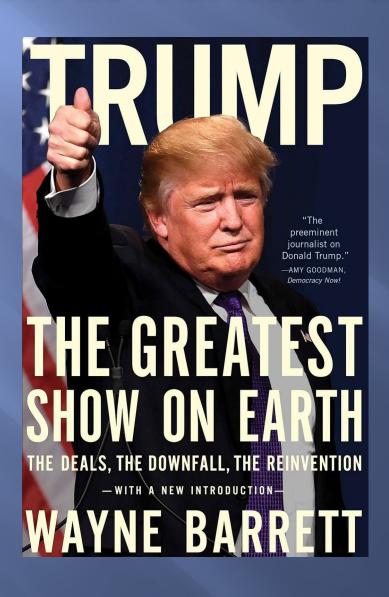
But as I found, he had applied for real estate broker licenses at the same time, with the secretary of state of New York, and he had to submit sworn statements about why he was qualified for this license. And he said that, in fact, he was in charge personally of the rental of all of Fred's apartments.

DONALD IN CHARGE OF RENTALS





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How a Young Donald Trump Forced His Way From Avenue Z to Manhattan

by WAYNE BARRETT

Originally published January 15, 1979



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BARRETT INTERVIEW

DL: What do you mean?

WB: The **early pieces that I wrote about him** resulted in a federal grand jury in the Eastern District. He could see what I had found about his two earliest deals. By the time we closed out the interviews, he was aware that I'd caught him in a few things that could be very disturbing to the public image he was then trying to craft. Obviously he didn't get indicted, but I had the goods enough to raise real ethical questions about his conduct.

That's when he started taking me seriously; up to there, I think he just thought I was a guy he could play with. He got a lot less chatty. And then we get the libel letter — Roy Cohn sent a libel letter to the Voice before the first piece was published. So that was the one-two punch.

WAYNE BARRETT, "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON: ANATOMY OF A YOUNG POWER BROKER," VILLAGE VOICE, JANUARY 15, 1979

Real estate entrepreneurs do their own advertising, and Trump has a way of doubling or shaving every number when it suits him. In interviews, Donald Trump has laid claim to 22,000 units in Brooklyn, Staten Island, Queens, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and New Jersey. But his testimony in federal court put the total figure around 12,000 units actually owned and managed. Whatever the size or exact dollar value, however, there is no question about the racial, economic, and sexual character of the Trump holdings. Tenants are mostly white. People receiving welfare do not live in Trump-owned apartments. Households with substantial male incomes do.

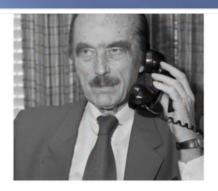
THE FRONT THE CITY THE CULTURE

This is the first of a two-part series on Donald Trump and the real estate empire he and his father built. Wayne Barrett spent two months researching the story. He read thousands of pages of court documents in Philadelphia and New York and campaign contribution filings in Albany. He spent fifteen hours interviewing Donald Trump.

Donald Trump. A 32-year-old self-proclaimed real-estate colossus price tagged at \$200 million. The brash, streetwise son of Brooklyn's largest apartment building, transplanted from his father's boxlike office at the Avenue Z tip of the borough to a Fifth Avenue penthouse bounded on both sides by his own stunning Manhattan ventures. The *New York Times* puffs him as the city's "number-one real-estate promoter of the mid-seventies...the William Zeckendorf of hard times."

But the most accurate description of Trump's real-estate genius was contained in a deposition from a four-year-old Philadelphia bankruptcy-court file. When a Penn Central representative was asked why he'd contacted Trump alone out of lists of developers interested in building publicly aided housing on the bankrupt company's West Side railyards, the witness replied: "The estate was putting its property in the hands of a developer. It was uppermost in our minds that...the developer...be very high in his political position. Trump is doing what, in our judgment, if anyone can do, he can do."

FRED TO DONALD THROUGH TAX SCHEMES



SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Trump Engaged in Suspect Tax Schemes as He Reaped Riches From His Father

The president has long sold himself as a self-made billionaire, but a Times investigation found that he received at least \$413 million in today's dollars from his father's real estate empire, much of it through tax dodges in the 1990s.

By DAVID BARSTOW, SUSANNE CRAIG and RUSS BUETTNER

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The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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FROM FATHER FRED TO THE DONALD CASHING IN CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK

By ALLAN SLOAN

January 28, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. EST



President Trump has claimed for decades that a single \$1 million loan from his father, Fred Trump, set him on the path to becoming self-made billionaire. But a new exposé by The New York Times alleges Mr. Trump's claim falls about \$400 million short.

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A year-long New York Times investigation published Tuesday unraveled the web of tax tricks that helped the president draw the equivalent of \$413 million in today's dollars from his father's real estate empire. The Times alleged that Mr. Trump engaged in "dubious tax schemes," including "instances of outright fraud," to secretly reap from his father's fortune.

As Mr. Trump boasted about building an empire on his own business acumen, he was for decades benefiting from partnerships, deals, dodges, tax breaks and apparent schemes all orchestrated by his father, according to the Times. And when Mr. Trump's own businesses hit hard times, his dad sometimes swooped in with a few million dollars to help him.

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1968: \$1 million a year

Mr. Trump claims he only received a \$1 million loan from his father. But his father had already made him a millionaire when he was just 8, through trusts and partnerships, according to the Times.

When Mr. Trump was just 17, Fred gave him part ownership of a 52-unit apartment building. Soon after Mr. Trump graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, he was already receiving the equivalent of \$1 million a year through arrangements from his father.

1975: \$9 million

After a series of deals that helped all of the children, Mr. Trump had emerged as the heir apparent for the family business, and Fred started cutting deals that benefited him alone.

The two formed a partnership to build a New Jersey high-rise — with the help of a nearly interest-free \$7.8 million government loan — and Mr. Trump received most of the financial benefits, eventually earning the equivalent of nearly \$305,000 a year from that property alone. Fred also helped Mr. Trump pile on consulting, management and lease fees.

Early '80s: \$260,000 a year

By 1976, Mr. Trump was claiming in the press that he was personally worth more than \$200 million, and by the '80s he was recognized as one of the richest men in America. But the Times reports that through all of that time, he was still on his dad's payroll and heavily dependent on his empire. In the early '80s, after entering his 30s, Mr. Trump still received a \$260,000 annual salary from his father, in addition to millions reaped from his father's trusts and deals.

1987: \$15.5 million

Mr. Trump by this time owed at least \$11 million in loan debt to his father, and would have had to pay millions in taxes if he canceled the debt, according to the Times. So Fred bought a 7.5 percent stake in one of Mr. Trump's condominium buildings in the Upper East Sid totaling \$15.5 million.

Four years later, Fred sold this stake, apparently to Mr. Trump, for only \$10,000. The Times reported that this was a potentially illegal tax write-off.

1990: \$3.35 million

Fred came to his son's rescue again after Mr. Trump overspent on renovations for his Trump's Castle casino in Atlantic City, leaving him unable to fund a \$18.4 million bond payment. Fred dispatched one of his bookkeepers to purchase \$3.35 million worth of casino chips and then leave without placing a bet.

Under New Jersey gaming laws, this counted as an illegal loan and led to a \$65,000 civil penalty. Fred later wrote a \$150,000 check to further help his son's casino, according to bank records cited by the Times.

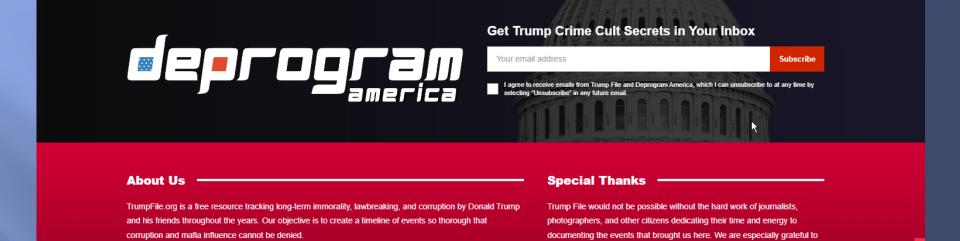
CASINO CASH

Fred gave Donald the equivalent of an interest-free loan by buying \$3.5 million of chips from the Trump Castle casino-hotel in Atlantic City, N.J. According to an article in the Atlantic City Press, a lawyer representing Fred Trump showed up at the Castle on Dec. 17, deposited a \$3.35 million certified check, bought 670 \$5,000 chips at a high-stakes blackjack table, stuck the chips in a bag and left. The next day, Fred wired \$150,000 to the casino and bought another 30 chips. Pretty slick.

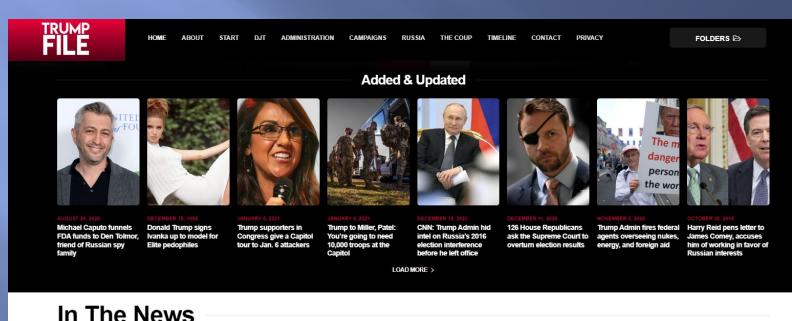
Because Donald knew that his father wouldn't cash in the chips right away, he could use the extra \$3.5 million in the till to help make the \$18.4 million interest payment due on the bonds. Had he lent Donald \$3.5 million, Fred would have had to get in line behind Donald's numerous creditors, and he probably never would see a penny of his money again. This way, Donald got the money he needed, and Fred got chips that he could cash in any time the casino had money on hand to redeem them. He may have cashed in some or all of them by now. Casino regulators are yelling and screaming, but they will probably do nothing but make noise.



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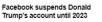
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This is a transnational crime syndicate masquerading as a government.



Fred Trump admits to being in business with mafia member



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Trump Plaza fined \$450,000 for scheme with organized crime figure



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FBI finds legendary
Russian criminal & meets
Mogilevich partner living
in Trump Tower under



In Russia, Donald Trump meets son of Mogilevich's NYC underboss



DECEMBER 21, 1999 Giuliani donor and Trump associate outed as Russian mafia member



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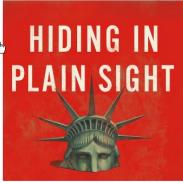


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1950S BEACH HAVEN FHA

Sometime in 1950, Fred Trump completes the Beach Haven apartment complexes with \$16 million in Federal Housing Administration (FHA) funds. From the FHA aid for Beach Haven and Shore Haven, Trump and his business partner schemed the government out of at least \$3.5 million that went into their own pockets.

When he got the green light for another development — Beach Haven, a forty-acre, twenty-three-building complex in Coney Island that would net him \$16 million in FHA funding — it was clear that his strategy of building on the taxpayer's dime was a winner.

Mary L. Trump, Too Much and Never Enough

By now, it is believed that Trump is working discreetly with the Italian mob. He'd previously worked with James Tomasello, a bricklayer contractor with a complex web of connections to the mob and a source of capital for Trump. His partner on Beach Haven is James's son, William "Willie" Tomasello, whose own mob ties include earlier real estate projects with members of the Gambino and Genovese crime families in New York and Florida.

Before building the apartments, Trump bought the land and gave it to a trust. He made his five kids, including three-year-old Donald Trump, beneficiaries of that trust. Since Beach Haven is built on the land, the building has to pay a ground lease to the trust, i.e. the Trump kids. Fred arranged a 99-year lease in which the Beach Haven building has to pay his kids \$60.600 every year.

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Mr. Simon. Mr. Trump, what is your connection with Beach Haven Apartments, Inc.?

Mr. Trump. I am President of Beach Haven Apartments.

Mr. Simon. Who are the stockholders of Beach Haven?

Mr. Trump. Fred C. Trump and William Tomasello. .

Mr. Simon. Roughly speaking, what proportion of the stock do you own?

Mr. Trump. Fred Trump, 75 per cent; William Tomasello, 25.

Mr. Simon. Does Beach Naven Apartments, Inc., own any other property than the building development that it financed under Section 608 of the Housing Act?

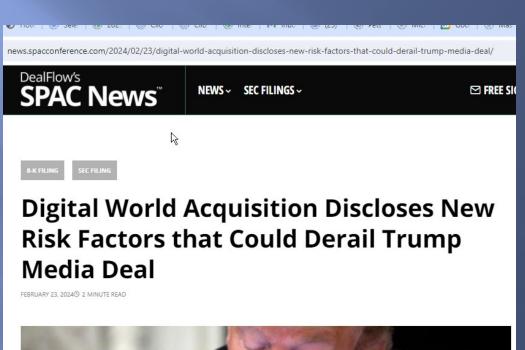
Mr. Trump. Yes.

Mr. Simon. What does it own beside?

Mr. Tosti. What do you mean by "property"?

Mr. Simon. I assume it has a bank account and some office furniture.

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TRUMP PAYS \$392,000 TO THE NY TIMES



Republican presidential candidate and former U.S. President Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) at the Gaylord National Resort Hotel And Convention Center on February 24, 2024 in National Harbor, Maryland. Anna Moneymaker/Getty Images

(CNN) — Donald Trump has paid \$392,000 to The New York Times to cover the legal costs from his failed lawsuit against the newspaper and its journalists over a 2018 investigation into his finances that included confidential tax records, a spokesman for the Times told CNN on Monday.

Trump was ordered to pay the money in January, more than eight months after Judge Robert R. Reed granted the Times' motion to dismiss the case against it and its journalists, concluding the journalists' conduct was protected by the New York Constitution.