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2. Name(s) of Judge(s): Bruce Reinhart, Federal Magistrate
 Court: United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

3. Does this complaint concern the behavior of the judge(s) in a particular lawsuit or lawsuits?



Yes



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If "yes," give the following information about each lawsuit:

Court: United States District Court, Southern District of Florida

Case Number: Case 9:22 mj-08332-BEER

Docket number of any appeal to the N/A Circuit: _____

Are (were) you a party or lawyer in the lawsuit?



Party



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Neither

If you are (were) a party and have (had) a lawyer, give the lawyer's name, address, and telephone number:

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- 4. Brief Statement of Facts.** Attach a brief statement of the specific facts on which the claim of judicial misconduct or disability is based. Include what happened, when and where it happened, and any information that would help an investigator check the facts. If the complaint alleges judicial disability, also include any additional facts that form the basis of that allegation.

5. Declaration and signature:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Jennifer Martin Date: 8/16/2022

STATEMENT OF FACTS OF COMPLAINT AGAINST BRUCE E. REINHART
IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH WARRANT OF FORMER PRESIDENT
DONALD J. TRUMP'S HOME
CASE 9:22 MJ-08332-BER

This Complaint is filed against Bruce E. Reinhart for unethical and prejudicial conduct in the matter related to the above referenced case, wherein Judge Reinhart, a magistrate of the federal United States Court for the Southern District of Florida, signed a search warrant for the unprecedented search of the home and premises of former United States President Donald J. Trump, wherein Judge Reinhart has a conflict of interest and a pattern and history of hostility to President Trump, which is supported by the following undisputed facts:

1. Judge Reinhart has publicly denigrated President Donald Trump in social media posts, including this statement on his personal Facebook page in 2016, after President Trump had been elected president but before taking office:

“Thank you, Robert Reich, for saying what many of us feel, ‘John Lewis is the conscience of America. **Donald Trump doesn’t have**

the moral stature to kiss John Lewis’s feet,” Reinhart added. “Or, as Joseph Welch said to Joseph McCarthy, ‘At long last, have you left no sense of decency?’” See Exhibit 1: [Judge Who Approved FBI Raid Disparaged Trump, Shared ‘Woke’ Content On Facebook: Report | The Daily Wire \(tinyurl.com/dailywire-reinhartfbpost\)](#) and Exhibit 2: [Screenshot of Facebook post linked from Exhibit 1’s The Daily Wire Report \(tinyurl.com/Facebook-reinhartfbpost\)](#).

2. In June 2022, Judge Reinhart recused himself from a lawsuit involving President Trump in his suit against Hillary Clinton, citing a “conflict of interest.” The case involves litigation by President Trump against Hillary Clinton related to the false accusations against the former President by Clinton and prominent Democrats in the Russia collusion hoax; yet, six weeks after that recusal, Judge Reinhart signed the warrant authorizing the FBI’s search of President Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate. See Exhibit 3: [Daily Mail article Trump’s Attorney Wants to Know Judge Reinhart Recused Clinton Lawsuit \(tinyurl.com/dailymail-reinhartrecusal\)](#) and Exhibit 4: [Just The News post of Judge Reinhart’s Recusal Statement \(http://tinyurl.com/JustNews-ReinhartNoticeRecusal\)](#)

3. Judge Reinhart has a history of ethical issues, the most noteworthy being his resignation from the US Attorney's office in Miami on January 1, 2008, and the very next day representing as counsel for employees of the late Jeffrey Epstein, who was under investigation by that same prosecutor's office at the time of Reinhart's employment and departure. An ethics complaint/lawsuit was filed against Judge Reinhart for his unethical conduct. Former colleagues at the US Attorney's office stated their belief that Judge Reinhart was privy to confidential information regarding the prosecution's case against Epstein. See Exhibit 5: [New York Post article Judge who approved FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago once linked to Jeffrey Epstein](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/16/us/politics/judge-reinhart-epstein.html) (tinyurl.com/NYPost-ReinhartEpstein)

4. Judge Reinhart is a Democrat who has given financial contributions to former Democratic President Barack Obama, and to former Florida Governor Jeb Bush when he was a candidate running against Donald Trump for President in 2015. See Exhibit 6: [The National Pulse report Judge Behind Mar A Lago Raid Is Epstein-Linked, Obama Donor](#) ([tinyurl.com/NationalPulse-ReinhartDonates](#)) and Exhibit 7: FEC search Bruce Reinhart Donations ([tinyurl.com/FECSearch-ReinhartDonations](#))

5. Clearly, Judge Reinhart is a partisan and has publicly expressed his partisan views against former President Trump. His antipathy for the former President is such that he should have recused when presented with the search warrant for the highly problematic search of President Trump's home in Florida.
6. Judge Reinhart should be disciplined and removed as a federal magistrate because of his failure to meet the standards of ethical conduct and character necessary for the public to have confidence in the nonpartisan role of a judge in a matter of this extreme public interest.
7. The entire episode of the unprecedented search of the former President's home, authorized by a political appointee of President Trump's successor, and approved by a federal magistrate who has been outspoken in his opposition to and loathing of President Trump threatens the principle of "equal justice under law" and the confidence of the American people in an unbiased judiciary.

NEWS

Judge Who Approved FBI Raid Disparaged Trump, Shared 'Woke' Content On Facebook: Report

By Tim Meads

Aug 9, 2022 DailyWire.com



Drew Angerer/Getty Images

The Florida magistrate judge who reportedly signed off on the FBI's raid of former President Donald Trump's home allegedly disparaged the former president and shared "woke" content on what appears to be his personal Facebook page.

Josiah Lippincott, a Hillsdale College Van Adel Graduate School of Statesmanship Ph.D. candidate and writer, first reported that Bruce Reinhart — the suspected judge who approved the raid of Mar-a-Lago — apparently denigrated then-president-elect Trump in 2017 via Facebook.

In a Facebook post screenshotted by Lippincott and reviewed by The Daily Wire, Reinhart wrote, “I generally ignore the President-elect’s tweets, but not this one. John Lewis arguably has done more to ‘make America great’ than any living citizen.”

“Last August, I took my son to the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma so he could understand the kind of courage and sacrifice required to live in a democratic society. John Lewis embodies that spirit,” he added. “Although I’ve never met him, he is one of my heroes.”

In 2017, Trump tweeted, “Congressman John Lewis should spend more time on fixing and helping his district, which is in horrible shape and falling apart (not to mention crime infested) rather than falsely complaining about the election results. All talk, talk, talk – no action or results. Sad.” Lewis represented Georgia’s 5th district from 1987 until his death in 2020.

“Thank you, Robert Reich, for saying what many of us feel, ‘John Lewis is the conscience of America. Donald Trump doesn’t have the moral stature to kiss John Lewis’s feet,’” Reinhart added. “Or, as Joseph Welch said to Joseph McCarthy, ‘At long last, have you left no sense of decency?’”

Likewise, Reinhart shared Facebook posts that indicate he is the magistrate judge in question. In March 2018, he shared a screenshot of

an announcement from former Governor Rick Scott (R-FL) announcing the appointment of Carolyn Bell to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

“So proud of my wife! A dedicated public servant for almost 3 decades. She will be a phenomenal judge,” Reinhart shared. “The citizens of Palm Beach County and the State of Florida are blessed and lucky to have her. Thanks to everyone who supported her candidacy, and a special thanks to Governor Rick Scott and his team for placing their confidence in her.”

According to a document from PalmBeachBar.org, “A fun fact about Judge Bell is that coincidentally, her husband, Judge Bruce Reinhart, was sworn in as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Florida in the same week Governor Rick Scott appointed her to the Circuit Court bench.”

In March 2018, he was elevated to a magistrate judge, according to the New York Post.

His Facebook page also links to the website, www.brucereinhartlaw.com. He also posted a picture of a man holding Golden Double Stuf Oreos and a bottle of Early Times Kentucky Bourbon Strait Whisky who bears a striking resemblance to Reinhart based on media photos.

As pointed out by Lippincott, “Reinhart also shared a post in October of 2017 from a facebook group called ‘WokeFolks’ explaining white privilege, using the metaphor of running a race with different starting lines.”

That video can be seen here:

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On Tuesday, sources told the New York Post that Reinhart approved the search warrant that authorized the raid of the former president's home. That judge had previously represented convicted sex offender and pedophile Jeffrey Epstein's employees who had received immunity in the investigation of Epstein's sex trafficking, according to the Miami Herald.

Reinhart reportedly resigned from the South Florida U.S. Attorney's Office on January 1, 2008, and the next day went to represent the Epstein employees. He told the Miami Herald that he represented Epstein's pilots, Epstein's scheduler Sarah Kellen, and Epstein's reported "Yugoslavian sex slave" Nadia Marcinkova.

Sealed search warrant here signed by Bruce E Reinhart, magistrate judge for the Southern District of Florida <https://t.co/Vl1FkjjMt8>

– Miranda Devine (@mirandadevine) August 9, 2022

He would later be named in the 2011 Crime Victims' Rights Act lawsuit, accusing him of violating DOJ policies through the job change in the midst of the Epstein investigation, according to the Herald.

Reinhart denied this allegation, claiming he “never learned any confidential, non-public information about the Epstein matter,” according to the Herald, and denying that he participated in the Epstein case while at the South Florida U.S. Attorney's Office.

His former colleagues contradicted this in a 2013 court filing that said Reinhart had learned “confidential, non-public information about the Epstein matter,” the New York Post reported. In response to this accusation, Reinhart reportedly told the Herald that the Justice Department had dismissed a complaint that an Epstein victim's lawyer had filed against him.

The National Pulse reported that he donated to former President Barack Obama's campaign twice in 2008, and to former presidential candidate Jeb Bush's campaign in 2015.

Mary Margaret Olohan contributed to this report.



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Exhibit 2

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Bruce Reinhart

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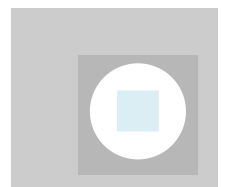
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I want to avoid getting too caught up in the tweets of Donald Trump, but there are some comments that are so far beyond the pale that one risks normalizing them by ignoring them. And the message that Mr. Trump said today about Representative John Lewis, a true American hero, is such an instance.

To be sure, Mr. Lewis levelled some very sharp criticism at the incoming president yesterday - calling his election illegitimate on account of Russian interference. We all know this story seems to grow darker and more worrisome by the hour. I have never seen an administration begin under such a serious cloud.

One can easily understand why Mr. Lewis' comment would anger Mr. Trump because it is a real threat. The famed and respected Civil Rights leader is putting into words what few of his political peers have dared say out loud. And we must note that there are still many more questions about this issue than there are answers. The fact that the Senate will now conduct hearings - mark you hearings that may very well cast doubt on the legitimacy of a president who has yet to be officially inaugurated - will hopefully lead to a more complete account of what took place.

But whatever the truth is about these swirling allegations on Russia, and whether one feels such conclusions of illegitimacy are premature, Mr. Trump would have been well served to have let Mr. Lewis' comments pass. Of course he couldn't. In a pair of tweets the President-elect wrote:





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I have known Mr. Lewis for decades. I covered him in those early and dangerous days of the Civil Rights Movement when almost all the institutions of government and society, especially in the South, seemed to be arrayed against the young activists. One thing you cannot say about John Lewis is that he is "all talk, talk, talk - no action or results." This man came within a hair's breath of dying after being beaten by Alabama State Troopers on a march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. His expert organizing skills and moral clarity made the United States a far more just and equitable nation. And for all this to happen at the beginning of Martin Luther King weekend, of all times.

Perhaps the conservative political commentator Bill Kristol said it best in one of his tweets:

"It's telling, I'm afraid, that Donald Trump treats Vladimir Putin with more respect than he does John Lewis."



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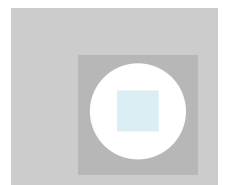


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Donald Trump's attorney demands to know why judge who signed warrant green-lighting FBI's Mar-a-Lago raid **RECUSED** himself from overseeing Trump's lawsuit against Hillary

- During an appearance on 'Jesse Watters Primetime,' Donald Trump's lawyer Alina Habba continued her attacks on those who orchestrated the Mar-a-Lago raid
- Habba said that the feds were in contact with Trump as recently as June and knew about the documents that were stored at the Florida estate
- The lawyer went on to ask why the judge who signed the warrant, Judge Bruce Reinhart, is involved in this case but recused himself from another Trump case
- Reinhart recused himself from a lawsuit being brought by Trump against Hillary Clinton over impartiality concerns

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Ex-president **Donald Trump's** go to personal lawyer Alina Habba has continued her offensive against officials who orchestrated the **FBI's** raid on Mar-a-Lago on Monday.

'They needed a little drama, so they throw this out there. They go to the judge that had recused himself in my Hillary case a month ago.' Habba told **Fox News** host

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Jesse Watters during an appearance Friday.

'I would like to know why he recused himself in that case, but then he was able to sign this warrant. I want to know that.'

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Habba was referencing the fact that on June 22, magistrate Judge Bruce W. Reinhart recused himself from a lawsuit involving Trump and **Hillary Clinton**.

The 45th president is suing Clinton and other prominent Democrats over Russia collusion allegations.

Six weeks after that recusal, Judge Reinhart signed the warrant authorizing the feds to search Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.

Trump lawyer: Trump raid is about documents



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During an appearance on 'Jesse Watters Primetime,' Alina Habba described Trump's nonchalant response to Monday's FBI raid on Mar-a-Lago



Judge Bruce Reinhart has come under scrutiny for his past political opinions and work as a defense attorney

In his recusal, the magistrate **wrote**: 'The undersigned Magistrate Judge, to whom the above-styled cause has been assigned, hereby recuses himself and refers the case to the Clerk of Court for reassignment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455.'

According to the specific code: 'Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned.'

The judge did not specify what disqualified him from overseeing the lawsuit.

Earlier this week, Habba, along with fellow Trump lawyer Christina Bobb, accused the FBI of planting evidence during Monday's raid.

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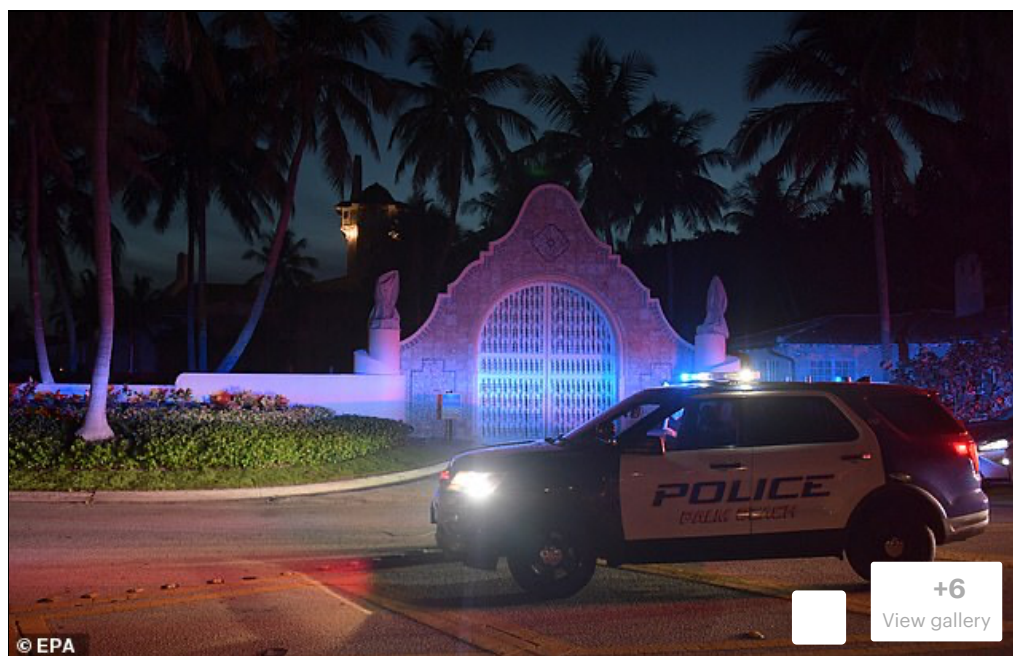
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Habba described Trump's reaction to the raid saying: 'He's like, "Oh, it's a Monday, Alina. It's a Monday in Trump world." Honestly, nothing. He was confused as to why they were there. He had just seen them in June.'

Trump's top lawyer continued: 'They had said, "Everything's fine, but could you put another lock on it? We'll be good." You know what? In my opinion, the Jan. 6 ratings — the show of Jan. 6 — hasn't been going so well.'



Trump is under investigation for obstruction of justice and violating the Espionage Act



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While on her Truth Social page, Habba has made multiple attacks on Judge Reinhart.

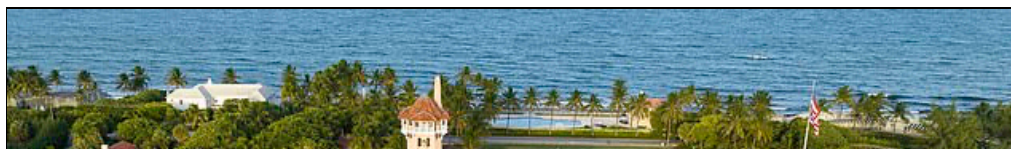
Watters joked with Habba later in the interview asking if Trump himself had packed any of the boxes that the FBI searched during the raid.

Trump watched the raid live from Trump Tower in New York via the security camera feeds in his Florida home, Bobb said during an interview with the right-wing media network Real America's Voice earlier Friday. Bobb joked that the Trumps probably had a better view than she did, and she was at Mar-a-Lago when the raid took place.

Habba also said in her Friday appearance: 'So explain to me, why you tell someone to put an extra lock on, leave for almost two months, get a warrant, sit for a weekend, have a cocktail and then show-up again, guns a blazing?' Not even informing the local police, which is normal course. He wasn't even there. It makes no sense.'

Multiple news outlets have published articles detailing Judge Reinhart's past as a defense attorney, which included a stint working for pedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein, and making political donations to Barack Obama.

Trump is under investigation for obstruction of justice and violating the Espionage Act, according to the newly unsealed search warrant showing the FBI retrieved 11 sets of classified documents from Mar-a-Lago.



as she enjoys dinner with beau Travis Scott at Lucky's in Malibu



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Former president Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago home was raided by federal agents on Monday

The former president insisted Friday that everything was 'declassified' and agents 'didn't need to seize anything.'

Some of the documents were marked 'top secret' and are meant to be kept in

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The FBI would have needed to prove reasonable suspicion that Trump committed a crime in holding on to the documents - criminal statutes cited in the warrant include espionage, removal of records and obstruction of justice.

Violations of the Espionage Act could include: harboring or concealing persons, gathering, transmitting or losing defense information, gathering or delivering defense information to aid a foreign government, or disclosure of classified information.

The 11 sensitive items included miscellaneous documents labeled 'secret,' 'top secret' and 'confidential.'

Agents recovered 20 boxes in total from the Florida estate, with the rest including handwritten notes, photo binders, the grant of clemency of Roger Stone and a file with information on the President of France.

DailyMail.com obtained a copy of the warrant and receipts before it was unsealed by a Florida magistrate judge Friday afternoon.

The warrant gave FBI agents permission to search in Trump's office and all storage areas on the premises, and states four sets of top secret documents, three sets of secret documents, and three sets of confidential documents were retrieved.

Trump's attorneys now also claim former President Trump declassified the documents before he left office. A president has the power to declassify any document, but there is a strict federal procedure for doing so.

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his lawyers claimed they were too busy

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Exhibit 4
tinyurl.com/JustNews-ReinhartNoticeRecusal

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No. 22-14102-Civ-Middlebrooks

DONALD J. TRUMP,

Plaintiff,

v.

HILLARY R. CLINTON, et al.,

Defendants.

_____ /

NOTICE OF RECUSAL

The undersigned Magistrate Judge, to whom the above-styled cause has been assigned, hereby recuses himself and refers the case to the Clerk of Court for reassignment pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 455.

Dated at West Palm Beach, Florida this 22nd day of June, 2022.



BRUCE E. REINHART
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida, providing for the random and equal allotment of cases, this cause will be reassigned to Magistrate Judge
William Matthewman
_____.

Copies of this Notice shall be served on all pending parties of record by United States Mail. All documents for filing this case shall carry the following case number and designation: 2:22-cv-14102-DMM/WM.

By order of the Court this 22nd day of June 2022.

ANGELA NOBLE
Clerk of Court

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By: Deputy Clerk

Exhibit 5
tinyurl.com/NYPost-ReinhartEpstein

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Judge who OK'd Mar-a-Lago raid Obama donor once linked to Jeffrey Epstein

By [Miranda Devine](#), [Mark Moore](#) and [Samuel Chamberlain](#)

August 9, 2022 9:34am Updated



The Florida federal magistrate judge who signed off on a search warrant [authorizing the FBI raid](#) of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort donated to Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign — months after he left the local US Attorney's office to rep employees of convicted pedophile Jeffrey Epstein who had received immunity in the long-running sex-trafficking investigation of the financier.

“unannounced raid on my home.”

Reinhart was elevated to magistrate judge in March 2018 after 10 years in private practice. That November, the Miami Herald reported that he had represented several of Epstein’s employees — including, by Reinhart’s own admission to the outlet, Epstein’s pilots; his scheduler, Sarah Kellen; and Nadia Marcinkova, who Epstein once reportedly described as his “Yugoslavian sex slave.”

Kellen and Marcinkova were among Epstein’s lieutenants who were granted immunity as part of a controversial 2007 deal with federal prosecutors that allowed the pervert to plead guilty to state charges rather than federal crimes. Epstein wound up serving just 13 months in county jail and was granted work release.



The FBI raided Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida and broke into a safe in his palatial home, the former president said Monday.

REUTERS

Epstein's cohorts the following day.

Epstein, who was found dead in August 2019 of an apparent suicide in the Manhattan Correctional Center while awaiting trial on federal sex-trafficking charges, had hired a stable of high-powered lawyers for his defense in the late 2000s, including former independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

Ten months after starting work for Epstein's co-conspirators, according to Federal Election Commission records, Reinhart gave \$1,000 directly to the Obama campaign and another \$1,000 to its fundraising arm, the Obama Victory Fund. Though the records show the judge made mostly small-dollar donations to his law firm's political action committee in subsequent years, Reinhart also donated \$500 to Jeb Bush's 2016 presidential campaign in November 2015.

Reinhart was later named in a civil lawsuit by two of Epstein's victims that accused him of violating Justice Department policies by switching sides in the middle of the Epstein investigation, suggesting he had spilled inside information about the probe to build favor with the notorious defendant, the Herald reported in 2018.

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**Trump says
FBI raided
Mar-a-Lago
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In a 2011 affidavit, Reinhart denied he had done anything improper and insisted that since he was not involved in the federal investigation of Epstein, he was not privy to inside information about the case.

However, in a 2013 court filing, Reinhart's former colleagues contradicted him, saying that he had "learned confidential, non-public information about the Epstein matter" while employed by the US Attorney's Office. Reinhart noted to the Herald in response that a complaint filed against him by a lawyer for Epstein's victims had been dismissed by the Justice Department.

As recently as January of 2015, Reinhart was asked to appear on right-wing channel Newsmax to give analysis of the Epstein fallout — but declined to publicly note his own role in the case.

Before entering private practice in 2008, Reinhart spent 12 years as a federal prosecutor. According to an official biography circulated at the time he was hired as a magistrate judge, Reinhart "managed a docket that covered the full spectrum of federal crimes, including narcotics, violent crimes, public corruption, financial frauds, child pornography and immigration."

Reinhart is one of three federal magistrate judges in the West Palm Beach offices of the US District Court for the Southern District Court of Florida, along with William Matthewman and Ryon McCabe.

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targeted remain sealed. Records show another warrant was issued by Reinhart on Friday, but its contents were also sealed.

Trump confirmed media reports of a raid at his Florida resort on Monday evening, saying Mar-a-Lago was “under siege, raided, and occupied by a large group of FBI agents.”

The agents were reportedly searching the seaside property for boxes of classified documents Trump allegedly brought to the ritzy resort after he left the White House in January 2021, which would be a violation of federal record-keeping laws.

The National Archives and Records Administration said in February that it found classified documents in 15 boxes at Mar-a-Lago and alerted the FBI.

The removal of classified documents to unauthorized locations is banned under federal law, although Trump had wide powers when he was president to declassify documents.

The raid on Mar-a-Lago comes amid the House select committee’s continuing investigation into Trump’s role in the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol as Congress met to certify the 2020 presidential election results.

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EXCLUSIVE

REPORT: Judge Behind Mar A Lago Raid Is Epstein-Linked, Obama Donor.

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BY NATALIE WINTERS · AUGUST 9, 2022



Judge Bruce Reinhart – who is reportedly the most likely judge behind the warrant authorizing a raid on former President Donald Trump’s Mar A Lago estate – is a former attorney who represented employees of convicted sex offender and notorious pedophile Jeffrey Epstein, The National Pulse can reveal.



Raheem Kassam's Substack.

The National Pulse can also reveal that Judge Reinhart has donated to the campaigns of former President Barack Obama and to the establishment opponents of Donald J. Trump during the 2016 election, including Jeb Bush.

Politico – the news outlet closest linked to the establishment in Washington, D.C. – [named Reinhart](#) in their morning playbook e-mail on Tuesday, 9th August 2022:

WHO SIGNED THE WARRANT? — A “source said FBI agents obtained a search warrant from a federal magistrate judge in West Palm Beach,” [report the Miami Herald’s Alex Roarty, Michael Wilner and Jay Weaver](#). According to its [website](#), the West Palm Beach location of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida has three Magistrates: Judge **BRUCE REINHART**, Judge **WILLIAM MATTHEWMAN** and Judge **RYON MCCABE**. The court’s online database shows two recent warrant applications, both assigned to Reinhart, were entered into its system on Monday, though information about the targets of those warrants is sealed.

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As [reported](#) by the *Miami Herald*, Judge Reinhart began representing Epstein’s employees on January 2nd, 2008, just one day after departing the U.S. Attorney’s Office where he served as an assistant U.S. attorney closely involved on the convicted pedophile’s case.

Accused of leveraging “inside information about Epstein’s investigation to curry favor with Epstein,” in 2011, he was named as a prosecutor who allegedly violated the rights of an underage girl whom Epstein solicited sex from in the Crime Victims’ Rights Act lawsuit.

Reinhart appears to have exploited his role in the U.S. Attorney’s Office to launch a private criminal defense practice, according to the *Miami Herald*:

“On Oct 23, 2007, as federal prosecutors in South Florida were in the midst of tense negotiations to finalize a plea deal with accused sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein, a senior prosecutor in their office was quietly laying out



plans to leave the U.S. attorney's office after 11 years. "On that date, as emails were flying between Epstein's lawyers and federal prosecutors, Bruce E. Reinhart, now a federal magistrate, opened a limited liability company in Florida that established what would become his new criminal defense practice."

Reinhart insisted that he never represented Epstein himself — “only Epstein’s pilots; his scheduler, Sarah Kellen; and Nadia Marcinkova, described by some victims as Epstein’s sex slave.”

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Reinhart has also [participated](#) in Newsmax interviews, appearing to defend Epstein by downplaying allegations of the financier and his associates soliciting underage prostitutes.

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Reinhart donated twice to Obama’s campaign in 2008 totaling \$2,000. Reinhart, who was appointed U.S. magistrate in March 2018, also donated to the campaign of Trump rival Jeb Bush in 2015.

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The unearthed links come as Reinhart is believed to have signed off on a warrant responsible for the raid on Trump’s Palm Beach estate. A “source said FBI agents obtained a search warrant from a federal magistrate judge in West Palm Beach,” reports the *Miami Herald*.

Politico explained that of the three magistrate judges in that office, two recent warrant applications, both of which were assigned to Reinhart, were entered into the system on Monday. The subject of the warrants, however, remains sealed.





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