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The Trump Georgia RICO Case and the Expanding Ripple Effect

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In the ongoing Georgia RICO trials, we are at a pivotal juncture. Four defendants have entered guilty pleas. Scott Hall, a bail bondsman, and Sidney Powell, a lawyer, were primarily involved in the tampering of the voting machines. Kenneth Chesebro, also a lawyer, played a key role by drafting memos that called for the appointment of alternate electors. Another Trump lawyer, Jenna Ellis, pleaded guilty on Oct. 24.

Together, they represent integral components of Donald Trump's effort to prevent Joe Biden from becoming president.

The guilty pleas set in motion a far-reaching ripple effect that will extend beyond the initial guilty pleas. As part of their pleas, these defendants agree to testify for the prosecution in the RICO trial and other trials. The dominos have started to fall.

The gate is now open to demonstrate Trump's direct involvement in the multiple conspiracies. There will be increased pressure on the other defendants to follow suit. It will also spotlight a less known group of co-conspirators who have not yet been indicted who will be swept along by this current.

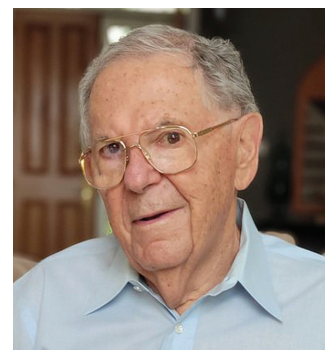
One such figure is Stefanie Lambert, a Michigan lawyer, described as unnamed, unindicted Individual No. 30 in the RICO indictment. She may also be an unnamed, unindicted co-conspirator in the Department of Justice (DOJ) trial. Lambert assisted Powell in acquiring access to election machines, extracting software for analysis, and distributing voting data. She has already been indicted in Michigan for her role in tampering with voting machines there, and her tampering effort extends to Fulton County, in central Pennsylvania.

Another potential unnamed, unindicted co-conspirator is Bill Bachenberg, who lives near Allentown, Pennsylvania. He is alleged to be the financier behind the tampering, purportedly providing Lambert with a \$1 million letter of credit to fund the companies for the tampering. This is a grave offense in the Georgia RICO case and could also be pursued by the DOJ.

Consequently, it is conceivable that Lambert and Bachenberg may find themselves indicted alongside Trump and the 15 other co-defendants in the Georgia case. But that exposure does not end there.

The DOJ possesses vital information regarding Bachenberg's activities, thanks to whistleblower Mike Ryan. Ryan started working for a non-profit founded by Bachenberg in June 2020. On Jan. 5, 2021, Bachenberg told Ryan not to be in Washington, D.C. on January 6. When the riot occurred, Ryan became suspicious, and he started to pay more attention to the activities of his employer and to keep copies of documents that might be of interest to a law enforcement agency. That led to his talking to the FBI and the DOJ.

There are several lesser-known lawsuits that could provide additional evidence for the ongoing trials involving Trump. XRVision, Ltd has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against Lambert and Bachenberg, claiming they pressured the company to find nonexistent "cheat codes" in Dominion machines,



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defamation; and breach of contract. This case is still in discovery.

In various lawsuits involving Fulton County, Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Secretary of State, and Dominion, we will meet Lambert again. She was hired by Fulton County to represent the county and its two Republican county commissioners. These lawsuits emerged in the aftermath of the tampering of the Fulton County machines. Tom Carroll, a lawyer from Pottstown—145 miles from Fulton County—is Lambert's co-counsel.

The present status of one of the lawsuits is that Fulton County and Carroll have been sanctioned by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and ordered to pay attorney fees of the Secretary of State and Dominion.

There are several companies implicated in breaking into machines and distributing voting data. These companies and their employees may also become potential defendants as the legal proceedings continue unfolding. The fingerprints of Lambert and Bachenberg are all over the conspiracy that is now evident in the coordinated tampering of voting machines in Arizona, Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania. In essence, the ripple effect initiated by the guilty pleas in the Georgia RICO trial promises to drag more individuals and entities into the legal swamp.

The guilty pleas in Georgia will ultimately jeopardize Trump and other co-conspirators. There is not likely to be a trial in 2023 in either the DOJ case (scheduled for March 2024) or the Georgia case. Of the six co-conspirators in the DOJ case, No. 6 is still not identified. Of the five lawyer co-conspirators, two have now pleaded guilty in Georgia and are available to testify against Trump and the co-defendants. Of the other three, Jeffrey Clark is likely to plead guilty before the other two (Rudolph Giuliani and John Eastman).

Other than the Jan. 6 riot, tampering of voting machines in the four battleground states is the most serious attack on our political system in American history. The prosecutors now have to finish investigating the tampering in the four states.

We will see which of those states starts indicting Bachenberg and employees of the companies that did the tampering and circulated the voting data. The evidence to be gathered in the tampering case has the potential to reshape our understanding of the events that occurred after the 2020 election.

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