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Merchan Postpones Trump Sentencing Until After Election

New York Supreme Court Justice Juan Merchan has [delayed the sentencing hearing](#) in former President Donald Trump's "[hush money](#)" trial until November 26. He rescheduled it from September 18 until after the election due to concerns of a "politically prejudicial" motive to alter this year's presidential election, [stating in his decision](#):



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By letter dated August 14, 2024, Defendant requests an adjournment of his sentencing, currently scheduled for September 18, 2024, until after the 2024 presidential election. He argues the adjournment is necessary to provide adequate time to "assess and pursue" appellate options in the event this Court denies his pending Criminal Procedure Law ("CPL") § 330.30 motion and to avoid the potential "politically prejudicial" impact that a public sentencing could have on him and his prospects in the upcoming election.

In response to Merchan's decision, Trump [stated on Truth Social](#):

The Manhattan D.A. Witch Hunt has been postponed because everyone realizes that there was NO CASE, I DID NOTHING WRONG! It is a political attack against me by Comrade Kamala Harris and other Radical Left Opponents for purposes of Election Interference, and is a case that should have never been brought. Nothing like this has ever happened in the United States of America - IT IS STRICTLY THIRD WORLD, BANANA REPUBLIC "STUFF." Importantly, The Public understands this, and so does every Legal Scholar, Expert, and Luminary, including Andy McCarthy, Jonathan Turley, Alan Dershowitz, Mark Levin, Steven Calabresi, David Rivkin, Gregg Jarrett, Katie and Andrew Cherkasky, Elie Honig, and many others. I greatly appreciate the words "if necessary" being utilized in the Decision, because there should be no "if necessary" - This case should be rightfully terminated, as we prepare for the Most Important Election in the History of our Country. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!



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