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## **CNN Cashiered Cuomo After Latest Harassment Allegation**

CNN didn't fire *Prime Time* anchor Chris Cuomo solely because <u>he moonlighted</u> as an advisor for his brother, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Rather, the <u>New York Post has revealed</u>, the network also worried about a sexharassment allegation lodged against Chris Cuomo by a former colleague at ABC News.

The network learned about the allegation from the woman's attorney, Debra Katz, who represented sex-assault hoaxtress Christine Blasey Ford <u>when Ford lodged</u> ultimately refuted allegations against U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.



AP Images Chris Cuomo

Whether the leftist network would have cashiered Cuomo because he served as *consigliere* to Cuomo Family boss Andrew is unknown. This is known: Like his brother, women say he can't keep his hands to himself.

Sexual misconduct allegation leveled against fired CNN anchor Chris Cuomo <a href="https://t.co/ecfHrkSBOg">https://t.co/ecfHrkSBOg</a> pic.twitter.com/QgLfsXeZLh

- New York Post (@nypost) December 5, 2021

#### **Unidentified So Far**

As for the third allegation involving a woman, she is "set to be interviewed by outside lawyers hired by CNN this week, pending an agreement to keep her identity and everything she says confidential," the <u>Post reported</u>:

Cuomo, 51, hasn't been formally told the accuser's name but is believed to have figured it out based on information in a letter her lawyer sent to CNN last week, sources said.

The woman was previously described only as "a former junior colleague at another network" by the *New York Times*, which first reported on the new allegations after Cuomo's termination Saturday.

A source told the *Post* that the network decided to jettison Cuomo after learning of the allegations....

Debra Katz, an attorney for Charlotte Bennett, said in a statement that she contacted CNN on Wednesday to report the woman's unspecified misconduct claims against Chris Cuomo.

Bennett is the young woman <u>who said</u> Andrew Cuomo "terrified" her. The former governor, forced to resign over the sex assault and harassment scandals involving 11 women, told Bennett he was game for a roll between the sheets with any woman over 22.



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#### <u>Continued the Post</u>:

"From a legal standpoint, CNN had cause to fire Chris on Friday based on the Letitia James information," the source said, referring to documents released last week by the state attorney general on her office's probe into Andrew Cuomo, which included new details about his brother advising him during the scandal.

"From a practical standpoint, when the sexual-misconduct claim came in, CNN decided, 'Enough is enough.'"

On Sunday, <u>Katz said</u> she was talking to CNN about setting up a meet between the hate-Trump network and her client.

#### Third Allegation

CNN should have fired Cuomo long ago. He turned the network into a platform for Democrat Party propaganda; his governor-brother became his sidekick. The *Washington Post* called their act a "comedy routine." Then we learned that the "journalist" played a key role in crafting his brother's defense against the accusations of sex monkeyshines.

But that and Cuomo's part-time advisor's job aside, this is the third serious allegation against the former anchor. <u>Two more</u> surfaced within days of each other <u>in September</u>.

The <u>Post revealed</u> that Melanie Buck, a former producer for Cuomo's talk show, "went to CNN boss Jeff Zucker and asked to be taken off Cuomo's show and moved to another department, which he agreed to."

Buck, sources told the newspaper, "felt threatened."

Buck said she left the show over "significant differences." Undoubtedly true. But a professional woman such as Buck wouldn't want to be seen as fearful, even of a man who advertises his physical prowess on social media.

Chris Cuomo lampooned for tweeting 'cringe' image of his bicep bulging out of a CNN T-shirt: 'Weird flex'<u>https://t.co/Hec42keRUN</u>

– Fox News (@FoxNews) June 28, 2021

Also in September, Cuomo's former colleague at ABC, Shelley Ross, <u>accused him</u> of grabbing her fanny at a bar. Ross didn't want Cuomo fired. But she did want him to provide serious coverage of sexual harassment.

Cuomo might also have considered serious coverage of anger issues given his volcanic temper.

When he had the China Virus and was holed up at home, he flew into a rage at a cyclist who asked why he was outside on Long Island. His brother, the governor, had issued quarantine orders for virus carriers, after all.

"Who the hell are you?! I can do what I want!" the millionaire "journalist" fumed.

When the man explained that Cuomo's big brother was "coronavirus czar, and you're not even following his rules," Fredo went off like Pete Clemenza's shotgun.



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"This is not the end of this," the disgraced anchor warned the cyclist. "You'll deal with this later. We will meet again."

Before that, <u>Cuomo exploded</u> in fury at a bar patron who called him "Fredo" — the name of Michael Corleone's older, stupid, weaker brother in *The Godfather* franchise.

"I'll f\*\*\*ing ruin your s\*\*t," Cuomo told him. "I'll f\*\*\*ing throw you down these stairs like a f\*\*\*ing punk."



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