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## Federal Criminal Investigation of Joe Biden's Ukrainian Influence-peddling Opened

Former Vice President Joe Biden is under an active criminal investigation into his role in the Ukraine influence-peddling scandal, following the release of additional documents concerning Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 election. Paul Sperry, a Washington-based investigative journalist and Hoover Institution media fellow, [tweeted](#) on Tuesday:



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House investigators have now joined the Senate in requesting the FBI open a criminal investigation into possible foreign influence-peddling & embezzlement involving Joe Biden and his younger brother and son based on suspicious financial activities flagged by US Treasury.

The next day Sperry confirmed that the investigation is active:

Joe Biden is the subject of an active federal criminal investigation into his role in the counterintelligence investigation directed @ the Trump campaign during the 2016 election, including the former vice president's activities in Ukraine. Ukrainian witnesses are cooperating.

Senator Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, said "the report raises serious questions that former Vice President Biden needs to answer. There are simply too many potential conflicts of interest, counterintelligence and extortion threats to ignore."

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The *Jewish Voice* wrote back in July that the investigation was likely, stemming from complaints of Biden's interference in Ukrainian internal affairs by a former Ukrainian prosecutor:

Biden, the presumptive Democratic president nominee, has been formally listed in a criminal case for the crime of firing Ukraine's former prosecutor General Viktor Shokin in exchange for dropping an investigation into his son, Hunter.

Chanel Rion of *One America News Network* (OAN) confirmed the report:

Shokin formally called for an investigation into his firing back in February of 2020, claiming



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the Ukrainian government at the time released Shokin of his post in exchange for one billion dollars in loan guarantees promised by Biden.

But at the time Shokin called for this case back in February, the courts named one of the defendants as an “unnamed American,” an individual widely understood to be Joe Biden, Obama’s Ukraine point man. But Biden was never formally named.

Now the courts have ruled it is improper to conceal Biden’s name and that there is sufficient evidence to proceed with an investigation.

Biden bragged about his interference in Ukrainian internal affairs during a public conversation at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) in 2018:

I remember going over and convincing our team, others, to convince that we should be providing for loan guarantees. And I went over, I guess, the 12th, 13th time to Kiev. And I was supposed to announce that there was another billion-dollar loan guarantee. And I had gotten a commitment from [former Ukrainian President] Poroshenko and from [former Ukrainian Prime Minister] Yatsenyuk that they would take action against the state prosecutor. And they didn’t.

So they said they had — they were walking out to a press conference. I said, nah, I’m not going to — or, we’re not going to give you the billion dollars. They said, you have no authority. You’re not the president. The president said — I said, call him. [Laughter] I said, I’m telling you, you’re not getting the billion dollars. I said, you’re not getting the billion. I’m going to be leaving here in, I think it was about six hours. I looked at them and said: I’m leaving in six hours. If the prosecutor is not fired, you’re not getting the money.

Well, son of a b-tch. [Laughter] He got fired. And they put in place someone who was solid at the time.

There was enough evidence in the Congressional reports released in September on Hunter Biden’s corrupt dealings while his father was Vice President that Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) referred Hunter to the Justice Department for a criminal investigation.

From that report it was learned than Hunter benefited far beyond the \$50,000 monthly salary he was being paid for being on the board of Burisma. Relationships developed from his presence resulted in him making “millions of dollars,” according to the report.

Worse than that, “The committees also said they obtained records from the U.S. Treasury Department that ‘show potential criminal activity relating to transactions among and between Hunter Biden, his family and his associates with Ukrainian, Russian, Kazakh and Chinese nationals’.... In addition the younger Biden had ‘business associations with ... Chinese nationals linked to the Communist government and the People’s Liberation Army.... Those associations resulted in millions of dollars of cash flow.”

It is reasonable to expect that there will be much more evidence of the senior Biden’s influence-peddling and political interference in the 1,000 pages just released to John Durham, the federal prosecutor, on Wednesday.

That investigation will likely extend into President Trump’s second term if he wins in November. If he



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doesn't, expect this investigation to disappear into the ether under a Biden administration.

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