

NEW JAN. 6 FILING  
ADDS WIDER LIST  
OF CONSPIRATORS

FROM PERSON 1 TO 71

Plot to Rig 2020 Vote —  
Details Not Available  
to Other Inquiries

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When the special counsel, Jack Smith, charged former President Donald J. Trump last year with plotting to overturn the 2020 election, the federal indictment filed in Washington had only one defendant: Mr. Trump himself, who stood accused of working with a small team of conspirators.

But in a court filing unsealed on Wednesday, Mr. Smith drew on the actions of a much larger group to tell the tale of how Mr. Trump lost the race but sought to stay in the White House.

He populated his brief with a sprawling cast of characters — lawyers, longtime Trump aides, campaign operatives, even some of the rioters who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021 — who all played a supporting role either for or against Mr. Trump’s attempts to cling to power.

Most of them were not named in the 165-page filing, and were referred to only by numeric monikers, though many of their identities could be divined from details in the brief. And the sheer scope of the crew was evidenced by the fact that the anonymized references started with Person 1 and went all the way to Person 71.

Many of them had surfaced in the investigation conducted by the House select committee on Jan. 6 or in criminal proceedings in Georgia and Arizona. But Mr. Smith’s investigation, which gathered evidence and grand jury testimony not available in the other inquiries, was able to weave their stories together with new detail.

Among those characters was Eric Herschmann, a lawyer who had met Mr. Trump through his childhood friend, Jared Kushner, the former president’s son-in-law.

Identified as Person 9 in the brief, Mr. Herschmann started working in the White House as an assistant to the president in August 2020. During the chaotic weeks after Mr. Trump had been

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Trump Retains  
Secretive Grip  
On Health File

Promises to Release His  
Records, but Hasn’t

By EMILY BAUMGAERTNER  
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As a presidential candidate in 2015, Donald J. Trump declined to release his medical records, instead offering a four-paragraph letter from his personal doctor proclaiming that he would be “the healthiest person ever elected to the presidency.”

In 2020, when he was hospitalized with Covid and running for re-election, Mr. Trump’s doctors gave minimal information about his condition, which, it emerged later, was far more dire than their public descriptions let on.

In 2024, days before becoming the official Republican presidential nominee for the third time, he was grazed by a would-be assassin’s bullet, yet his campaign did not hold a briefing on his condition, release hospital records or make the emergency physicians who treated him available for interview.

Now, just over a month from an election that could make Mr. Trump, 78, the oldest person ever to serve as president (82 years, 7 months and 6 days when his term would end in January 2029), he is refusing to release even the most basic information about his health.

If he wins, Mr. Trump could enter the Oval Office with an array of potentially worrisome issues, medical experts say: cardiac risk factors, possible aftereffects from the July assassination attempt and the cognitive decline that naturally comes with age, among others.

Age became a major point of concern for voters weighing the capabilities of President Biden, and a poor debate performance that showcased him struggling to articulate sentences ultimately forced him to withdraw from the race. Suddenly facing an opponent nearly 20 years his junior, Mr. Trump told CBS News in August that he would “very gladly” release his medical records to the public, saying he had recently had a medical exam.

The New York Times requested a copy of those records. A spokeswoman for Mr. Trump eventually referred The Times to a one-page letter that his former physician,

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Tyre Nichols’s mother, RowVaughn Wells, center left, and his stepfather, Rodney Wells, center right, prayed outside the courthouse.

Israeli Military Wins Back Stature Lost on Oct. 7

By ISABEL KERSHNER

JERUSALEM — When thousands of Hamas-led gunmen breached the Gaza border last Oct. 7 and overran Israeli communities, army bases and a music festival, victims of the surprise assault sent desperate messages to loved ones from their hiding places and safe rooms.

“Where is the army?” they asked as they waited long hours to be rescued. For the many hundreds of those killed, the army came too late, if at all.

A year after perhaps the worst military and intelligence debacle in Israel’s history, the military is rehabilitating its image as a formidable regional power. It has penetrated the most secret and secure

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End Conflict

bastions of its archenemies with intelligence-based precision strikes, eliminated key leaders, pounded away at their assets, and largely thwarted their efforts to mount a response.

In a bombing on Friday, Israel killed Hassan Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, with a strike on an underground bunker in a dense urban area near Beirut where the militant group holds sway. The military code name for the operation was New Order,

hinting at Israel’s ambitious goals of changing the reality across its borders and undermining Iran’s use of proxies to surround it with a so-called ring of fire.

Now fighting on multiple fronts, Israel’s air defenses, with help from U.S.-led allies, largely blocked a huge retaliatory attack on Tuesday when Iran fired a barrage of nearly 200 missiles at Israel.

Israel’s vow to make Iran pay a heavy price for that attack suggests that the Israeli military is becoming less reluctant to engage in a broader regional war.

According to Assaf Orion, a retired Israeli brigadier general who is now a senior fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Pol-

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VERDICT IS MIXED  
IN MEMPHIS CASE

Guilty in Cover-Up, Not  
in Most Serious Count

By EMILY COCHRANE  
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MEMPHIS — Three former Memphis police officers were found guilty on Thursday of federal witness tampering charges in the fatal beating of Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man. But all three defendants were acquitted of the more serious charge of violating his civil rights by causing his death.

One officer, Demetrius Haley, was convicted on a lesser charge of violating Mr. Nichols’s civil rights by causing bodily injury.

The three defendants — Mr. Haley, Tadarrius Bean and Justin Smith — and two other former officers who pleaded guilty to their role in the violence, still face additional state charges, including second-degree murder.

The mixed verdict in the federal trial in Memphis comes nearly two years after Mr. Nichols’s death, which sickened many across the nation, who viewed it as the latest example of a young Black man being subjected to excessive force at the hands of the police.

Video of the January 2023 encounter showed that after Mr. Nichols fled a traffic stop, officers viciously punched and kicked him, ignoring his cries for his mother and his attempts to comply with a barrage of conflicting commands. None of the officers reported the extent of the beating.

Sentencing on the federal convictions is expected to occur in January, with the witness tampering charge carrying a sentence of up to 20 years in prison. The most serious charge could have led to a life sentence.

After the verdicts were read, Mr. Nichols’s mother, RowVaughn Wells, and his stepfather, Rodney Wells, said they were pleased that the three officers were now in custody, having been escorted out of the courtroom by U.S. marshals.

“I’m actually in shock right now,” Ms. Wells said, “because I still can’t believe all this stuff is going on, that they all have been convicted.”

Mr. Wells added: “We’re all very, very happy that these guys have been put in jail. This is a long time coming.”

The trial, which lasted about 17

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Telegram Founder’s Private Life  
Is Adding to His Legal Troubles

By ADAM SATARIANO and PAUL MOZUR

GENEVA — For many of their nearly 10 years as romantic partners, Irina Bolgar said, she and Pavel Durov enjoyed a luxurious lifestyle. The extravagance grew as Telegram, the messaging app Mr. Durov created, became a worldwide hit and cemented him as a billionaire and one of the world’s most powerful tech executives.

During the summers, they would spend about \$1 million for a month at a 116-acre resort in Sardinia. In Dubai, they stayed in a beachside penthouse with its own elevator. Private planes ferried them to Paris, Italy and Monaco.

But something changed during that period, according to Ms. Bolgar, who is now entangled in a legal dispute with Mr. Durov. She said he morphed from a principled entrepreneur whom she admired into an increasingly arrogant, controlling and finally abusive adversary.

According to a Swiss criminal complaint Ms. Bolgar made last year against Mr. Durov, he abused their youngest son five times in 2021 and 2022. On one occasion, Mr. Durov struck the child in the back, sending him across the room, she said. In another, he shook him so hard the boy’s shoes came off. Later, he grabbed the child by the leg and said he would kill him.

The details are included in public documents related to the criminal case, which was previously reported by Forbes. The files do not list the names of Mr. Durov, Ms. Bolgar and the children, but there are a number of identifying fac-

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A stockpile of food, water and supplies at the Pensacola Volunteer Fire Station in Burnsville, N.C.

Storm Shows Need for Emergency Plans Inland

This article is by Jenna Russell,  
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When the warnings first arrived, days before the remnants of Hurricane Helene, Kimberly Moody took note of what was said — and what wasn’t. The storm was going to be bad, that much was clear. But no one said she needed to start packing.

In the wake of the devastation that leveled swaths of her town of Black Mountain, N.C., and that killed a friend when he was swept

Most Died in Places Far  
From the Coast

us to leave. This storm was notorious. It was mean. It was raging.”

Across the inland region where Helene leveled towns and turned deadly, residents and public officials faced a reckoning this week. Most people said they could not have imagined such severe impacts from a storm that made landfall hundreds of miles away on the Florida coast, and few saw widespread evacuations as likely or risk-free fixes for future extreme weather emergencies.

But the post-Helene re-assessment

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Irina Bolgar is in a legal dispute with Pavel Durov, the founder.

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