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Trump Charged Over Secret Documents In A First For An Ex-US President

Why In The News?

 Donald Trump Has Been Indicted Over His Handling Of Classified Documents After Leaving Office, The US Ex-president's Most Serious Legal Threat Yet As A Firestorm Of Criminal Investigations Imperil His Bid For A Second White House Term.

What's An Indictment?

 An Indictment Is The Formal Charge Brought Against Someone After A Grand Jury - Which Is Made Up Of Members Of The Community - Votes And Enough Members Agree There's Sufficient Evidence To Charge Someone With A Crime. The Indictment Against Trump Remains Sealed.



What Do We Know?

- Donald Trump's Indictment On Charges Of **Mishandling Classified Documents At His Florida Estate** Has Brought Renewed Attention To One Of The Most Notable Cases In **Justice Department History.**
- The Federal Charges Represent The **Biggest Legal Jeopardy So Far For Trump**, Coming Less Than Three Months After He Was Charged In New York With **34 Felony Counts Of Falsifying Business Records**.

What Are The Charges?

- Trump Has Been Charged With Seven Counts Related To The Mishandling Of Classified Documents, According To Two People Familiar With The Indictment But Not Authorized To Speak Publicly About It. The Charges Themselves Are Unclear And Remain Under Seal, One Person Said.
- Trump Announced On His Social Media Site Truth Social On Thursday Night That DOJ Lawyers Had Informed His Legal Team That He Had Been Indicted. He Said He Is Due In Court In Miami On Tuesday Afternoon. It Was Not Immediately Clear If Anyone Else Would Be Charged In The Case.



How Did This Case Come About?

- Officials With The National Archives And Records Administration Reached Out To Representatives For Trump In The Spring Of 2021 When They Realized That Important Material From His Time In Office Was Missing From Their Collection.
- According To The Presidential Records Act, White House Documents Are Considered Property Of The U.S. Government And Must Be Preserved. A Trump Representative Told The National Archives In December 2021 That Presidential Records Had Been Found At Mar-a-Lago.
- In January 2022, The National Archives Retrieved 15 Boxes Of Documents From Trump's Florida Home, Later Telling Justice Department Officials That They Contained "A Lot" Of Classified Material.
- That May, **The FBI And Justice Department** Issued A Subpoena For Remaining Classified Documents In Trump's Possession. Investigators Who Went To Visit The Property Weeks Later To Collect The Records Were Given Roughly **Three**

Dozen Documents And A Sworn Statement From Trump's Lawyers Attesting That The Requested Information Had Been Returned.

- But That Assertion Turned Out To Be False. With A Search Warrant, Federal Officials Returned To Mar-a-Lago In August 2022 And Seized More Than 33 Boxes And Containers Totaling 11,000 Documents From A Storage Room And An Office, Including 100 Classified Documents.
- In All, Roughly 300 Documents With Classification Markings Including Some At The Top-Secret Level - Have Been Recovered From Trump Since He Left Office In January 2021.



Any Earlier Such Instances?

- Yes, Indeed Current POTUS Joe Biden And Former Vice President Mike Pence Too Had Classified Documents, But The Circumstances Of Their Cases Are Vastly Different From The Situation Involving Trump.
- After Classified Documents Were Found At Biden's Think Tank And Pence's Indiana Home, Their Lawyers Notified Authorities And Quickly Arranged For Them To Be Handed Over. They Also Authorized Other Searches By Federal Authorities To Search For Additional Documents.
- There Is No Indication Either Was Aware Of The Existence Of The Records Before They Were Found, And No Evidence Has So Far Emerged That Biden Or Pence Sought To Conceal The Discoveries. That's Important Because The Justice Department Historically Looks For Willfulness In Deciding Whether To Bring Criminal Charges.



Can Trump Stand Again For Presidency?

• Yes, Neither The Indictment Itself Nor A Conviction Would Prevent Trump From Running For Or Winning The Presidency In 2024.





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