

Sentencing memo for Michael Cohen implicates Donald Trump in federal crimes



Washington, December 10 (RHC)-- U.S. Federal prosecutors have accused President Donald Trump of committing a federal crime by directing illegal hush money during the presidential campaign to two women -- adult film star Stormy Daniels and former Playboy model Karen McDougal -- during the presidential election.

The accusation is contained in a sentencing memo for Michael Cohen, Trump's former attorney, who has admitted that Trump directed him to pay the women in order to prevent them from speaking to the media during the campaign about their alleged affairs with Trump. Incoming House Judiciary Chair Jerry Nadler says the payments could be an impeachable offense.

Michael Cohen is being prosecuted for the payments by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of New York. Over the weekend, special counsel Robert Mueller also issued a sentencing memo for Cohen as well as Trump's former campaign chair Paul Manafort as part of the probe into Russia's meddling in the 2016 election.

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