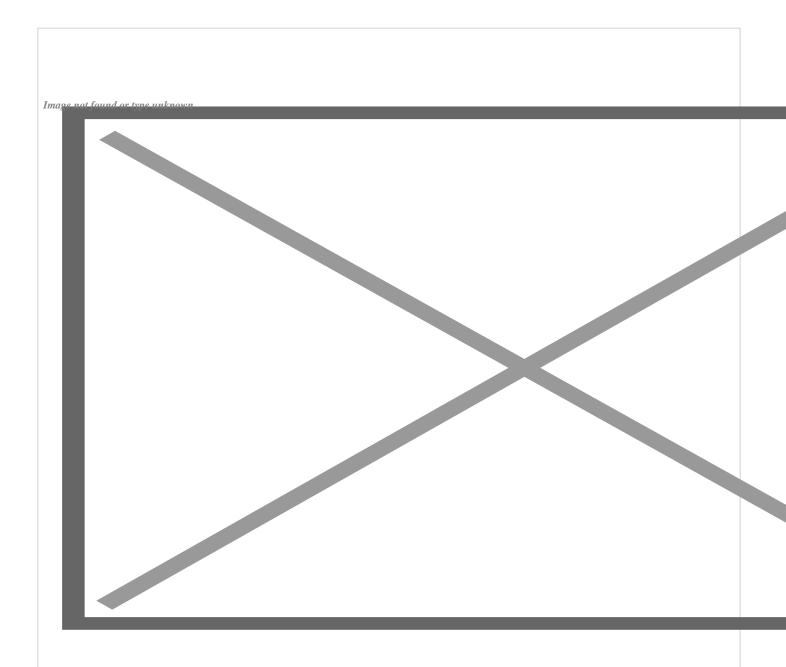
## Michael Cohen testifies to grand jury, says Trump should be held accountable for crimes



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Earlier, Trump's former personal attorney and fixer, Michael Cohen, spent several hours testifying to a state grand jury in Manhattan. Cohen previously pleaded guilty to charges of tax evasion, bank fraud and lying to Congress about the hush-money payments, which he says Trump directed him to make.

Michael Cohen said: "This is not revenge. What this is is about accountability. I don't want to see anyone, including Donald Trump, indicted, prosecuted, convicted, incarcerated, simply because I fundamentally disagree with them. This is all about accountability. He needs to be held accountable for his dirty deeds."

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