

Donald Trump falsely claims he's Chief Law Enforcement Officer



Trump referred to the Justice Department's abrupt decision to withdraw an earlier sentencing recommendation for Trump's close friend and former campaign adviser Roger Stone, who was found guilty of seven counts of lying to Congress. Trump said: "Just so you understand, I chose not to be involved. I'm allowed to be totally involved. I'm actually, I guess, the chief law enforcement officer of the country. But I've chosen not to be involved."

Trump's statement is not correct: The attorney general is the United States' top law enforcement officer, not the president. Trump's false claim comes as more than 2,000 former Justice Department officials have now called on Attorney General William Barr to resign, after he intervened in Stone's sentencing.

Four federal prosecutors withdrew from the case, and one resigned from his job, over Barr's actions. The Federal Judges Association held an emergency meeting this week amid the growing concerns about Trump's intervention in the Stone case and the Justice Department overall.



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