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Trump reportedly told he’s named in Epstein files

Attorney General Pam Bondi supposedly told President Donald Trump he was named in documents relating to Jeffery Epstein, a fact the White House does not deny, but reiterates that it does not mean any wrongdoing was done. ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES FILE

White House reiterates naming does not equate guilt

Joey Garrison and Aysha Bagchi
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Attorney General Pam Bondi told President Donald Trump in May that he was named multiple times in the government’s files on Jeffrey Epstein, according to reports from the Wall Street Journal and CNN.

A White House official did not dispute Trump’s name is mentioned in the Epstein files, telling USA TODAY that briefing binders Bondi prepared for MA-

GA influencers in February included the president’s name. But the official rejected any suggestion that Trump engaged in wrongdoing in connection with Epstein.

Bondi told the president that he and many other figures were named in the documents, according to the reports from the Journal and CNN. The Journal cited “senior administration officials,” while CNN cited “sources familiar with the discussion.”

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Columbia U. agrees to \$200M deal with Trump

Zachary Schermele
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – Columbia University, in hopes of restoring hundreds of millions of dollars in frozen federal funding, has struck another deal with the Trump administration, the university announced July 23.

The Ivy League school in New York City will pay a massive \$200 million fine over three years to the government to settle allegations it violated federal civil rights laws and failed to protect members of its Jewish community from discrimination.

It will also jointly appoint an independent Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

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Appeals court: Birthright order unconstitutional

Dissenting judge cites Trump v. CASA Inc. ruling

James Powell
USA TODAY

Democratic state attorneys general and immigrant rights advocates challenging President Donald Trump’s executive order seeking to limit birthright citizenship scored a court victory July 23, as federal appeals judges blocked it nationwide and affirmed a district court ruling that found the order unconstitutional.

“The court agrees that the president cannot redefine what it means to be American with the stroke of a pen,” Washington state Attorney General Nick Brown said in a statement to USA TODAY. “He cannot strip away the rights, liberties, and protections of children born in our country.”

The opinion from the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was written by Judge Ronald Gould, an appointee of President Bill Clinton, and included a partial dissent from Judge Patrick Bumatay, a first-term Trump appointee.

“The district court correctly concluded that the Executive Order’s proposed interpretation, denying citizenship to many persons born in the United States, is unconstitutional. We fully agree,” the ruling reads.

The 2-1 court majority found the states that had sued to block the policy – Washington, Arizona, Illinois and Oregon – likewise still were entitled to an injunction blocking nationwide enforcement of the order as a more narrow order would not provide them “complete relief.”

“It is impossible to avoid this harm absent a uniform application of the citizenship clause throughout the United States,” Gould wrote.

His opinion was joined by Judge Michael Hawkins, a fellow Clinton appointee.

In Bumatay’s dissent, he argued that the judges needed to, “adhere to the confines of ‘the judicial Power’ ” and cited Trump v. CASA Inc., a case in which the Supreme Court restricted the ability of judges to block Trump administration policies using nationwide injunctions.

In a statement, White House spokeswoman Abigail Jackson said the 9th Circuit misinterpreted the U.S. Constitution’s 14th Amendment in reaching its decision.

“We look forward to being vindicated on appeal,” Jackson added.

Trump signed the order on Jan. 20, his first day back in office, as part of his hard-line approach toward immigration.

Trump’s day-one executive order was swiftly challenged in court.

“We’re proud to stand with the other states in this fight and we’ll continue to defend the rights of every

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