Hunter Biden cops pleas on taxes, gun law

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By Terry A. Hurlbut June 21, 2023



Hunter Biden, son of President Joe Biden, has reached a plea bargain with the federal government to avoid jail time on tax and gun charges, and apparently avoid further Justice Department investigation.

The Hunter Biden plea deal

The details of the plea bargain became public yesterday, <u>according</u> to *Just the News*. Under it, Hunter Biden will plead guilty to two misdemeanor charges of not paying taxes on time. Those charges stem from late or nonpayment of \$1.2 million in taxes for the tax years 2017 and 2018. The government was also going to charge him with possession of a firearm while using a controlled substance, namely cocaine. But a court could dismiss that charge if he completes a two-year rehabilitation program.

If a court accept this bargain, Hunter Biden avoids jail time.

One can read a one-page letter to the clerk of the U.S. District Court for the Delaware District here.

CNN had earlier reported that the Justice Department would recommend that a court sentence Hunter Biden to probation.

CNN reports Biden's DOJ "has agreed to recommend to the judge that [Hunter] Biden receive a sentence of probation" for the charges against him pic.twitter.com/udEICkHAiu

- RNC Research (@RNCResearch) June 20, 2023

According to <u>The Western Journal</u>, the Biden family released a typical we-love-him statement after the announcement of the bargain.

Comment from White House- the president and First Lady love their son and support him as he continues to rebuild his life we will have no further comment pic.twitter.com/WghlN3Xxgf

— Karli Bonne' (@KarliBonnita) June 20, 2023

Statement from WH spokesperson Ian Sams @IanSams46 ->

"The President and First Lady love their son and support him as he continues to rebuild his life. We will have no further comment."

— Mike Emanuel **■** (@MikeEmanuelFox) <u>June 20, 2023</u>

Hunter Biden's attorney spoke of the "resolution" of a "five-year investigation." What else the Justice Department was investigating, is not clear.

Statement from Hunter Biden's attorney: "With the announcement of two agreements between my client, Hunter Biden, and the Unites States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware, it is my understanding that the five-year investigation into Hunter is resolved." pic.twitter.com/W18dVTJqC0

— Abby D. Phillip (@abbydphillip) June 20, 2023

Reaction, according to <u>Just the News</u> and <u>The Daily Signal</u>, was swift and furious. Jonathan Turley compared the Hunter Biden plea bargain to "ticket[ing] the getaway driver after a bank robbery."

Jonathan Turley: "I think for many this is going to look like you ticketed the getaway driver after a bank robbery." <u>pic.twitter.com/Dtf7gepV2p</u>

— MAGA War Room (@MAGAIncWarRoom) June 20, 2023

Tom Fitton of Judicial Watch wants to know for what other offenses Hunter Biden will escape punishment:

Wonder if the sweetheart plea deal for Hunter Biden will address the allegations that Secret Service and FBI helped him cover up gun mishandling? https://t.co/eTWRsollmT pic.twitter.com/2ysVApI1ZY

— Tom Fitton (@TomFitton) June 20, 2023

Relevance to the Congressional investigation

Mike Davis once clerked for Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and worked on nominations for the Senate Judiciary Committee. In this thread he observed that Hunter Biden would no longer be able to "plead the Fifth."

The Biden Justice Department reached a sweetheart deal with Hunter Biden.

Hunter will get no jail time for being the bagman for Joe Biden's vast foreign corruption.

The Biden Justice Department will continue to bury evidence the President of the United States is compromised.

— **■** Mike Davis **■** (@mrddmia) <u>June 20, 2023</u>

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He also contrasted the treatment of Donald Trump and the family of Joe Biden:

2. Current President's son was bagman for Biden's foreign bribery and other corruption schemes, in which Biden (allegedly) took tens of millions and is likely compromised as President of the United States.

Biden DOJ charges Hunter with misdemeanors.

Not even a day in prison.

— ■ Mike Davis ■ (@mrddmia) June 20, 2023

The Congressional <u>investigation</u> remains open. Rep. James Comey (R-Ky.), Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Accountability Committee, is pursuing it <u>vigorously</u>. Yesterday he called the plea bargain "a slap on the wrist."



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Read my full statement. pic.twitter.com/9swtTaUUQu

— Rep. James Comer (@RepJamesComer) June 20, 2023

Let's be clear: The Department of Justice's charges against President Biden's son Hunter reveal a two-tiered system of justice. Hunter Biden is getting away with a slap on the wrist when growing evidence uncovered by the House Oversight Committee reveals the Bidens engaged in a pattern of corruption, influence peddling, and possibly bribery. These charges against Hunter Biden and sweetheart plea deal have no impact on the Oversight Committee's investigation. We will not rest until the full extent of President Biden's involvement in the family's schemes are revealed.

Former President Donald Trump had this immediate <u>reaction</u>:

Wow! The corrupt Biden DOJ just cleared up hundreds of years of criminal liability by giving Hunter Biden a mere "traffic ticket." Our system is BROKEN!

Three hours later, he said this:

The Hunter/Joe Biden settlement is a massive COVERUP & FULL SCALE ELECTION INTERFERENCE "SCAM" THE LIKES OF WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN IN OUR COUNTRY BEFORE. A "TRAFFIC TICKET," & JOE IS ALL CLEANED UP & READY TO GO INTO THE 2024 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION – AND THIS AS CROOKED DOJ, STATE, & CITY PROSECUTORS, MARXISTS & COMMUNISTS ALL, HIT ME FROM ALL SIDES & ANGELS WITH BULL....! MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!

Late yesterday evening, Trump <u>quoted</u> an <u>article</u> from Breitbart saying he had predicted just such an outcome.

Tucker Carlson made the plea bargain the subject of the fifth episode of his new Twitter show.

Ep. 5 As in most of the developing world, it's safer to be the president's son than his opponent. pic.twitter.com/AtRaxYSjs

— Tucker Carlson (@TuckerCarlson) June 20, 2023

John Solomon separately <u>suggested</u> that, though Hunter escapes prison, his father has lost his credibility. The reason: for five years, beginning with the <u>censorship</u> of the first "laptop story," friendly media said:

- Hunter Biden was innocent of wrongdoing, and
- Anyone who suggested otherwise was indulging in conspiracy theorizing.

His having to reach any kind of plea bargain *at all*, belies those five years of denial. In another piece, Solomon <u>explores</u> the further political perils of a President caught arranging sweetheart legal deals for his son. Worse: Hunter would no longer be able to avoid answering questions if self-incrimination is no longer a danger.

About the image

The portrait in the composite image is of David C. Weiss, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware.