

FinCEN Files - Timeline

March 29, 2016 - Paul Manafort, a veteran Republican consultant, joins the Trump campaign as a strategist to help prepare for the Republican National Convention.

June 9, 2016 - Manafort, Kushner and Trump Jr. meeting at Trump Tower with Russian attorney Natalia Veselnitskaya., which was set up as a discussion of Russian-sourced opposition research on Clinton.

August 14, 2016 - The New York Times publishes a report that US\$12.7 million in illegal cash payments to Manafort were listed in a secret ledger linked to former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. Manafort had worked as an adviser to Yanukovich and his associates dating back at least a decade.

August 19, 2016 - Manafort resigns as Trump's campaign chairman.

July 26, 2017 - FBI agents conduct a predawn raid at Manafort's home in Virginia.

October 2017 - October 2018 - Edwards provides more than 2,500 documents including 2,100 SARs to BuzzFeed journalists who publish 12 articles based on the information provided.
<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/press-release/file/1101511/download>

October 29, 2017 - BuzzFeed publish wire transfers article based on confidential SAR information provided by Edwards an employee from FinCEN. <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/jasonleopold/fbi-probe-of-paul-manafort-focuses-on-13-suspicious-wire?bfsource=relatedmanual>

October 30, 2017 - Manafort is indicted on 12 counts including conspiracy to launder money, making false statements and conspiracy against the US. Manafort pleads not guilty.

August 21, 2018 - Manafort is convicted on eight out of 18 counts after his trial in Virginia. The jury returns guilty verdicts on five counts of tax fraud, one charge of hiding foreign bank accounts and two counts of bank fraud.

September 14, 2018 - Manafort agrees to cooperate with Mueller's team and pleads guilty to conspiracy charges in lieu of going on trial a second time. If he fulfills his agreement to cooperate, prosecutors will drop other charges including money laundering and bank fraud.

October 17, 2018 - Edwards is arrested and charged with unlawfully disclosing SAR's.

March 7, 2019 - Manafort is sentenced to 47 months in prison for financial fraud convictions stemming from Mueller's investigation.

March 13, 2019 - Manafort is sentenced to an additional 43 months in prison related to conspiracy and obstruction charges.

January 13, 2020 - Natalie Edwards pleaded guilty to a single felony charge of conspiracy to violate the Bank Secrecy Act by disclosing "Suspicious Activity Reports" to BuzzFeed reporter Jason Leopold.

September 20, 2020 - Publication of the FinCEN Files by BuzzFeed and the ICIJ.

November 5, 2020 - Edwards sentencing differed to January 13, 2021.

January 13, 2021 - Edwards sentencing expected.