

Former Trump campaign chair Paul Manafort boasts of VIP treatment in jail



Washington, July 20 (RHC)-- U.S. President Donald Trump's former campaign chair, Paul Manafort, privately boasted of receiving "VIP" treatment in jail -- contradicting his public complaints about jail conditions and his claims that his access to lawyers was limited.

In a court filing, lawyers with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation said Manafort made the comment in monitored prison phone calls. The lawyers say Manafort has had easy access to his lawyers as he's been held in a "living unit" larger than cells given to other prisoners, with access to a private bathroom and shower.

The records say Manafort has not been required to wear a prison uniform, and has a private telephone, a separate workspace and access to two laptops. Manafort faces charges of tax fraud, bank fraud, money laundering, witness tampering and failing to register as a foreign agent.

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