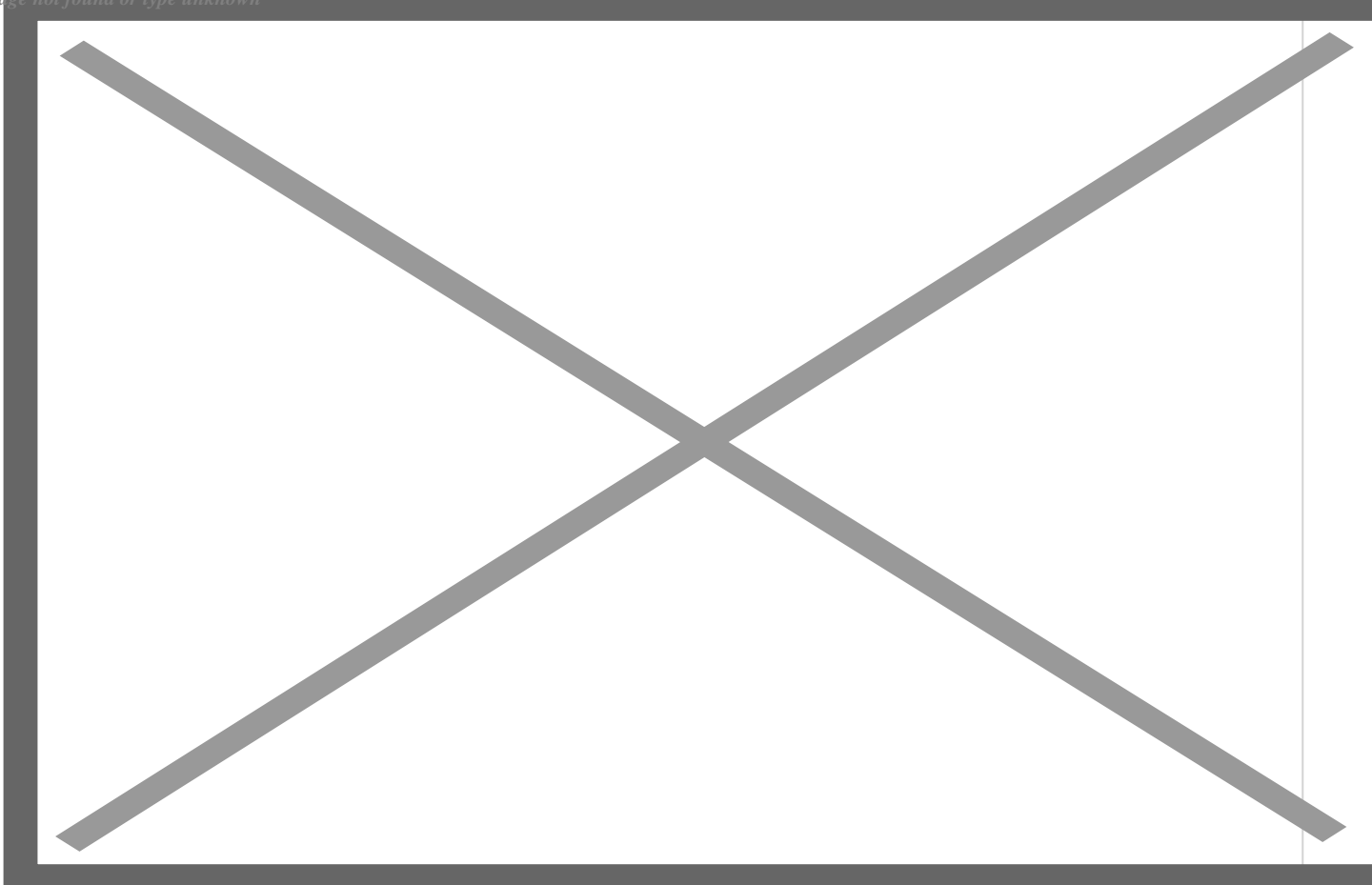


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Havana, May 16 (RHC) Michael Cohen, ex-lawyer and ex-appellant of Donald Trump will continue today as a witness in the criminal trial of the former president of the United States after the break in court in New York on Wednesday.

Press media point out that, as expected, the ex-governor's lawyer, Todd Blanche, tried to discredit on Tuesday during the questioning of at least two hours, the one-time legal representative of the tycoon, and presented him as a person obsessed

with Trump.

Cohen detailed in his testimony Monday and Tuesday the scheme for adult film actress Stormy Daniels' hush payment before the 2016 election, when she decided to sell the story of a 2006 affair with the then-businessman.

Trump's former lawyer claimed he paid the \$130,000 to Daniels on his client's orders and described the breakup afterward with him.

Cohen linked prosecutors' allegations that Trump broke the law by falsifying business records to reimburse Cohen and seeking to conceal the payment. For this reason he faces 34 counts in the media-heavy prosecution.

He also explained that when in April 2018 the FBI executed search warrants at his home and office, he spoke to Trump to comment that his cell phones and various documents had been seized and that he felt dejected and upset his response was, "Don't worry. I am the president of the United States."

Cohen stressed that at that moment, the occupant of the Oval Office told him that "nothing is going to happen here. Everything is going to be fine" and to be strong.

Trump's ex-appellant, was the twentieth witness called by the prosecution - and the last - in the criminal trial against the former head of the White House.

Among the things he revealed he said he lied and intimidated people on occasion for his boss, because "the only thing on his mind" was to fulfill whatever he entrusted him with "to make him happy."

Cohen pleaded guilty in 2018 and served more than a year in prison for several crimes, including precisely those of irregular election campaign financing for payments to Daniels and Karen McDougal, a former Playboy model, who likewise alleged an affair.

However, Trump's problems with justice do not seem to overshadow his path to the White House, and judging by the polls could thwart the reelection of Democrat Joe Biden in a few months.

A series of opinion polls published on Monday by The New York Times showed that Trump would win the elections in five of the six key states that will presumably define the U.S. presidency on the most important Tuesday of next November. (Source: Prensa Latina)



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