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The leader of the country's biggest city is on the hook for wire fraud and bribery charges after federal prosecutors in New York City [unsealed a five-count criminal indictment](#) accusing Mayor Eric Adams of taking illegal campaign donations and luxury perks from a [Turkish government official](#) and businessmen who sought to purchase political favors.

Adams, a 64-year-old first-term Democrat and former NYPD captain, released a prerecorded video message the night before the indictment was made public. He said any charges against him would be “entirely false” and “based on lies,” [Josh Russell](#) reports.

He formally entered his [not guilty plea](#) on Friday and was released on bail, without travel restrictions or surrendering his passport.

Adams has vowed to stay in office, but if he were to resign, he'd be replaced temporarily by Jumaane Williams, the city's public advocate, who then would schedule a special election.

More Courthouse News straight ahead.

— [Nina Pullano](#)

Here's what else happened in court this week:



In France, a shocking rape case, in which a husband is accused of drugging his wife and recruiting strangers to assault her over 10 years, has put on display [the strength and bravery of Gisèle Pelicot](#), who waived her right to anonymity and [has attended trial every day](#) in hopes of bringing attention to survivors of sexual abuse — and to shift the shame from the victim to the perpetrator. [[Lily Radziemski](#)]

» In its [DOJ antitrust case](#) defense, [Google called experts](#) who declared the company is not a monopoly and [questioned the accuracy](#) of the government's analysis. [[Joan Hennessy](#)]

» The Second Circuit will decide if New York can [regulate ghost guns](#) — but the final answer is likely to come from SCOTUS. [[Nika Schoonover](#)]

» A Southern California judge who shot and killed his wife is [back in custody](#) after violating his bail terms, which banned him from consuming alcohol. [[Hillel Aron](#)]



A Colorado judge sentenced a man to [10 consecutive life sentences](#) plus more than 1,300 years in prison just after a jury declined his [insanity plea](#) and found him guilty of indiscriminately killing 10 people at a Boulder grocery store in 2021. [[Amanda Pampuro](#)]

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The Muscogee Creek Nation claims another tribe should be forced to tear down its massive casino resort and restore hundreds of artifacts [removed from a burial ground](#). During federal appellate arguments, judges questioned the U.S. government's role in disputes between tribes. [[Megan Butler](#)]

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» **D.C. Court of Appeals:** The court [disbarred](#) former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in a one-page, per curiam order in light of the New York's court system's decision to disbar him.

» **Southern District of California:** San Diego County and a medical intake nurse at Vista Detention Facility [will face wrongful death claims](#) from the family of a man who died in his holding cell after being left alone for 14 hours despite his early-onset dementia, hypertension and untreated diabetes.

» **Eastern District of California:** A Bakersfield College professor lacks standing for First Amendment claims against the school based on the fear that he'll be retaliated against for opposing its diversity efforts.



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