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ministration had mistakenly deported a migrant to a megaprison in El Salvador. Reuveni was put on administrative leave a day later and ultimately fired.

President Donald Trump and his aides have labeled Reuveni a disgruntled and disobedient former employee, and are likely to amplify those criticisms in response to his decision to become a whistleblower. The filing, however, suggests a copious trail of emails, texts and phone records would support his version of events, and notes that he had diligently defended controversial policies of the first Trump administration.

Until now, Reuveni had stayed silent about the circumstances of his departure. A 27-page account, filed by his lawyers at the Government Accountability Project, Dana L. Gold and Andrea Meza, offers a host of new details and allegations about the inner workings of the Justice Department under Trump.

It adds that Reuveni “will continue to tell the truth in defense of the rule of law.”

In March and early April, the filing states, Reuveni “became aware of the plans of DOJ leadership to resist court orders that would impede potentially illegal efforts to deport noncitizens, and further became aware of the details to execute those plans.”

Top officials at the Justice Department and the



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Emil Bove, then Donald Trump’s personal lawyer, attends a New York State Supreme Court hearing on April 25, 2024, in Manhattan.

White House sought to defy federal court orders “through lack of candor, deliberate delay and disinformation,” his account states.

“Discouraging clients from engaging in illegal conduct is an important part of the role of a lawyer,” the account says. “Mr. Reuveni tried to do so and was thwarted, threatened, fired and publicly disparaged for both doing his job and telling the truth to the court.”

A pivotal meeting occurred on March 14, when Bove, a senior official in the deputy attorney general’s office, spoke bluntly about the administration’s plans. He informed his subordinates that Trump would soon invoke the Alien Enemies Act in order to rapidly fly a group of immigrants out of the country that weekend. Two other officials in that office, James McHenry

and Paul Perkins, were in attendance, as well as Reuveni’s supervisors, Drew Ensign and August Flentje, according to the whistleblower document.

Bove “stressed to all in attendance that the planes needed to take off no matter what,” according to Reuveni’s account. Bove then broached “the possibility that a court order would enjoin those removals before they could be effectuated.”

“Bove stated that DOJ would need to consider telling the courts ‘fuck you’ and ignore any such order,” according to the account. “Mr. Reuveni perceived that others in the room looked stunned, and he observed awkward, nervous glances among people in the room. Silence overtook the room.”

Reuveni and others were “quickly ushered out of the room,” the account says. It continues: “Not-

withstanding Bove’s directive, Mr. Reuveni left the meeting understanding that DOJ would tell DHS to follow all court orders.”

As far as Reuveni knew, “no one in DOJ leadership – in any administration – had ever suggested the Department of Justice could blatantly ignore court orders, especially with” an expletive, his account states. “Mr. Reuveni was in disbelief.”

Reuveni’s account highlights the tensions that have been roiling the Justice Department for months, where many current and former career lawyers have come to fear that the department’s political leadership, chosen by Trump, is engaged in a systematic effort to undermine the rule of law.

A Justice Department spokesperson did not immediately comment on Reuveni’s whistleblower filing.

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## TRUMP

ed that Israel’s retaliation was limited, which could suggest that both sides want the truce to hold. In a Truth Social post, Trump said Israel “is not going to attack Iran” and that “all planes will turn around and head home.”

Trump’s comments came before he left Washington for a NATO summit in the Netherlands, where a Middle East truce, if it holds, could give him a chance to claim a diplomatic achievement in a conflict that had threatened to escalate.

Over the weekend, Trump ordered U.S. forces to bomb Iranian nuclear sites, prompting Iran to respond by firing missiles at a U.S. base in Qatar on Monday. Hours after Iran fired the missiles, which were intercepted, Trump abruptly announced a ceasefire between Israel and Iran, with few details, catching even some of his own officials by surprise.

In the last moments before the ceasefire took effect, both sides continued to trade fire. The Israeli military said it had struck missile launchers in western Iran that were poised to fire at Israel. Iran launched at least four barrages of ballistic missiles at Israel, setting off sirens that sent millions of Israelis rushing in and out of shelters. At least four people were killed when a missile hit an apartment building in the southern city of Beersheba.

Here’s what else to know:

**Global reaction:** The ceasefire announcement was welcomed, albeit cautiously, by world leaders.

“If a ceasefire has indeed been achieved, then that can only be welcomed,” said Dmitry Peskov, the spokesperson for President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

“We hope that it will be a sustainable ceasefire.” President Emmanuel Macron of France praised the ceasefire announcement but warned that “the situation remains volatile and unstable.”

**Turning point:** A turning point in the war came when the United States joined Israel’s campaign Sunday, striking three nuclear sites, including a subterranean facility that had been largely impenetrable to Israeli attacks. Iran responded Monday with a missile attack on a U.S. base in Qatar, in a move that was telegraphed in advance, allowing U.S. troops to evacuate or shelter in time and creating space for de-escalation.

**Investors relieved:** News of the ceasefire sent markets higher in Asia, where countries need energy imports to power their economies. Stocks in South Korea surged the most at 3%. S&P 500 stock futures were about 1% higher, signaling an expected rise when trading begins in New York. The price of oil has fallen back to around where it was before Israel first attacked Iran nearly two weeks ago.

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## MASSIE

**H-L: Let’s say Trump really does follow through on his threat to go to the district and really rally around a single candidate. Do you think, honestly, that your brand is stronger than Trump’s in the district?**

**TM:** I mean, we know the numbers on this. We know them down to a percent. He’s got more name ID, obviously. He’s got 99% name ID, and the other 1% of respondents made a mistake on the poll. Mine is, like, probably mid-70s name ID, which is really high for a U.S. congressman, and we’re talking about Republican primary voters.

If I were running against Donald Trump, I’d be in trouble. It’d be a fair fight and he might even have the upper hand. The thing is, I’m not running against Donald Trump, and Donald Trump, Jr. and Eric Trump aren’t moving to the district I’m running (in). I’m going to be running against somebody nobody’s ever heard of, and I’ve got enough name ID and brand right now that somebody’s gonna have to work really hard to erode that.

**H-L: The PAC circling the race is claiming they’ll spend “whatever it takes.” Do you think you can withstand a huge spend?**

**TM:** A Trump endorsement can dry up all the money for most candidates, but guess what? That ain’t working on me. He’s increased my notoriety and people appreciate it, even people who support Donald Trump. This gets to your question about whose brand is better. There are people who love Donald Trump and who love me, even though he’s attacking me and I’ve got a fundraising base of thousands of donors nationally who don’t give two wits if Donald Trump endorsed me. In fact, some of them would give me more money if Donald Trump’s on the other side.

If I could sit down and have coffee with the per-

son they recruit to run against me, I would tell them two things: one, “Please do your own poll before they drag you and your family through this for a year.” Number two would be, “You do realize I can raise millions of dollars? Like, there will be super PACs for me.” The third thing would be, “Go talk to the last three people who tried it,” because I think in those cases, sometimes what happens is the promised support and things that never materialized.

**H-L: What about \$20 million?**

**TM:** At \$20 million, there’s a sanity question

here. Who’s going to spend \$20 million when you’re looking at mid-terms, where \$20 million could mean the difference between a majority and not a majority? Trump gets impeached in the instance of not a majority. I would say this: If each side spends \$10 million, or if one side spends \$10 million and the other side spends \$20 million, you’re saturating the airwaves. You’re on Hulu and the Disney Channel at that point. It’s hard to move the needle with the next \$10 million.

I don’t know if I could raise \$20 million, but I could win if somebody

spends \$20 million and I spend \$10 million.

**H-L: Win or lose, your notoriety has increased tremendously over the last week, let alone year, let alone five years. Are there any other offices that interest you right now? Any chance you’ll be on the ballot for, say, governor in 2027 or Senate in 2028?**

**TM:** I don’t think I would run for Senate. It’s the same circus with different monkeys. I would consider running for governor.

**H-L: Even if Jamie Comer (representative for Kentucky’s 1st Congressional District)**

**runs?**

**TM:** I don’t know. I’d probably talk to Jamie. He and I are good friends. He is absolutely the person from Kentucky in the House I talk to the most.

**H-L: Let’s say Trump does go all-in. And let’s say you pull it out. You beat the chosen candidate. Trump makes an in-person appearance or two with this person, they get a bunch of money from a Kentucky MAGA, the new PAC. What would that mean for Trump’s political standing and legacy?**

**TM:** I think it’d be a blow to him, and it would elevate me. I think ulti-

mately, that’s the one reason Trump might not pull the trigger is because he hates to lose. I think it’s why he didn’t pull the trigger in 2020 and in 2022 I think it’s why he endorsed me. He is worried about his political legacy and he hates to lose, and if somebody got in this race and wasn’t doing well, Trump would blame them and throw them under the bus because he’s worried about his legacy. I’m not that worried about mine — politically anyway.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The University of Pikeville (UPIKE) is seeking proposals for new construction of the UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project. Sealed bids will be accepted for the construction of an approximately 11,000 SF facility located at 1367 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Kentucky as described in the RFP packet. An on-site, pre-bid meeting will be held on 6/30/2025 at 10:00 a.m. for interested contractors.

All interested persons and firms should call Tiffany Thacker at (606) 218-5953 or email at [tbaker@upike.edu](mailto:tbaker@upike.edu) to obtain the complete Request for Proposals packet. **Sealed bids must be received at the University of Pikeville, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501 by July 11, 2025 no later than 4:00 PM in the Business Office, on the ground level of the Administration Building.** Sealed bids with a proposed lump sum should be mailed or hand-delivered to: UPIKE-Business Office, 147 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501. Please clearly mark submissions “UPIKE Ag-Tech Innovation Center of Excellence REI Project--Construction” on the exterior.

Submissions will be opened at Health Professions Education Building (HPEB) – 604 Conference Room on 7/11/2025 at 4:05 p.m. by University officials and reviewed for completeness following the opening. UPIKE reserves the right to reject any and all bids not meeting the requirements of this Request for Proposals for construction services. UPIKE will enter into an agreement with the lowest bidding, responsive and responsible firm. Once a firm has been selected, all unsuccessful firms will be promptly notified.

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Attention of respondents to this RFP is particularly called to the meeting the federal requirements and terms and conditions as laid forth in the RFP packet all of which may be incorporated into any contract issued pursuant to this solicitation. Local, minority and female-owned firms are encouraged to respond.

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