

# Attorney General Merrick Garland names Jack Smith special counsel in Trump criminal probes

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday named former federal prosecutor Jack Smith as special counsel for two ongoing criminal investigations by the Department of Justice of former President Donald Trump.

Smith's appointment came three days after Trump, a Republican, announced plans to run for president in 2024.

Trump's move directly led to Garland's decision to appoint a special counsel, who will recommend whether criminal charges should be lodged against the ex-president.

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