

Trump guilty in Manhattan hush money case

NEW YORK — In a historic verdict, former President Donald Trump has been found guilty by a 12-member jury in the criminal hush money case brought by New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

The case, which captured national attention, centered on allegations that Trump orchestrated illegal payments to silence women with potentially damaging information during his 2016 presidential campaign. The jury deliberated for more than 11 hours before reaching a unanimous decision, finding Trump guilty on all 34 charges.

The jury's guilty verdict marks the first time in U.S. history that a former president has been convicted of a felony crime, adding a significant chapter to the already tumultuous post-presidential period for Trump.

A verdict by the jury came fast and sudden. Judge Juan Merchan first announced that the jurors would be leaving by around 4:30 on Thursday. At 4:36, Merchan announced the jury came to a verdict.

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