



Harvey Weinstein faces new charges from NY grand jury.

Description

The notorious Harvey Weinstein, once a powerful figure in Hollywood whose alleged sexual misconduct catalyzed the #MeToo movement, has faced a new round of indictments by a grand jury in New York City, as disclosed by Manhattan prosecutors during a recent court session. Nicole Blumberg, the prosecutor, informed Judge Curtis Farber that a fresh indictment had been issued, although it remains sealed. A trial date has been set for November 12.

Weinstein, 72, was notably absent from the court proceedings due to his urgent transfer from Rikers Island jail to Bellevue Hospital for emergency heart surgery earlier in the week. Once he has recuperated, he will face arraignment on the new charges levied against him.

Over 80 women have come forward accusing the award-winning producer of sexual misconduct, claims vehemently denied by Weinstein, who maintains that all encounters were consensual. Despite his prior conviction in 2020 for rape and criminal sex act, which was subsequently overturned in April on procedural grounds, New York prosecutors have expressed intent to recharge Weinstein for the same crimes, potentially introducing new allegations.

In a separate trial in Los Angeles in 2022, Weinstein was found guilty of rape and sexual assault, resulting in a 16-year sentence. However, his legal team is actively appealing this verdict.

Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, Weinstein, together with his brother Bob, achieved great success in the film industry, producing iconic independent films and distributing acclaimed dramas. However, his career unraveled in 2017 amidst a deluge of allegations of sexual abuse, sparking a reckoning with power dynamics within entertainment and other influential sectors.

This update on Weinstein's legal battles represents an ongoing saga, underscoring the complexity and repercussions of allegations of abuse in high-profile industries. Please stay tuned for further developments as the case progresses.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Indictment** /ɪn'daɪt.mənt/ (noun): A formal charge or accusation of a serious crime.
2. **Recuperate** /rɪ'kuː.pə.reɪt/ (verb): To recover from illness or exertion.
3. **Vehemently** /'viː.ə.məntli/ (adverb): In a forceful passionate or intense manner.
4. **Allegations** /,æ.l.ə'geɪ.jənz/ (noun): Claims or assertions made without proof.
5. **Reckoning** /'rek.ən.ɪŋ/ (noun): The action or process of counting or calculating; a moment of truth.
6. **Procedural** /prə'siː.dʒər.əl/ (adjective): Relating to an established or official way of doing something.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. In which city did Manhattan prosecutors disclose the fresh indictment against Harvey Weinstein?
Option: Los Angeles
Option: New York City
Option: Rikers Island
Option: Bellevue Hospital
2. What was the reason for Harvey Weinstein's absence from the recent court proceedings?
Option: Transfer to Bellevue Hospital for heart surgery
Option: Voluntary resignation
Option: Arrest by the authorities
Option: Vacation leave
3. How many women have accused Harvey Weinstein of sexual misconduct?
Option: Over 50
Option: Over 100
Option: Over 80
Option: Over 200
4. In which year did New York prosecutors express intent to recharge Weinstein for the same crimes?
Option: 2020
Option: 2021
Option: 2022
Option: 2023
5. For what crimes was Harvey Weinstein found guilty in a separate trial in Los Angeles in 2022?
Option: Fraud and corruption
Option: Rape and sexual assault
Option: Tax evasion
Option: Embezzlement
6. With whom did Harvey Weinstein achieve great success in the film industry in the 1990s and 2000s?
Option: Steven Spielberg
Option: Quentin Tarantino



Option: Martin Scorsese

Option: Bob Weinstein

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. New York City 2. Transfer to Bellevue Hospital for heart surgery 3. Over 80 4. 2021
5. Rape and sexual assault 6. Bob Weinstein

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which literary device is used when the opposite of what is expected happens?

Option: Irony

Option: Resilience

Option: Sincerity

Option: Protocol

2. What term describes highlighting differences between two or more elements?

Option: Consequences

Option: Struggles

Option: Contrasting

Option: Acknowledgment

3. Which term refers to the approval or support of something?

Option: Reckoning

Option: Allegations

Option: Endorsement

Option: Tensions

4. Another word for "constituency" can be?

Option: Indictment

Option: Command

Option: Estranged

Option: Anticipated

5. Which term means recognizing the existence or truth of something?

Option: Acknowledgment

Option: Altercation

Option: Procedural



Option: Indictment

6. What does the term "recuperate" mean?

- Option: Ideology
- Option: Recuperate
- Option: Concerns
- Option: Garners

7. Which adverb means in a forceful or passionate manner?

- Option: Chaos
- Option: Vehehemently
- Option: Intriguing
- Option: Self-deprecation

8. What is the noun form of the verb "Anticipated"?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Allying
- Option: Constituency
- Option: Endorsement

9. What term refers to an official procedure or system of rules?

- Option: Irony
- Option: Protocol
- Option: Resilience
- Option: Contrasting

10. Which term refers to a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime?

- Option: Tensions
- Option: Indictment
- Option: Struggles
- Option: Garners

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. _____ is the ability to recover quickly from difficulties.

12. The company denied the _____ of using cheap labor.

13. Despite his _____ he never gave up on his dream.

14. She _____ her position to pursue other opportunities.



15. The sudden change led to complete _____ in the office.
16. His _____ remarks only escalated the situation.
17. The environmental _____ led to stricter regulations.
18. There are specific _____ steps to follow in case of emergency.
19. She _____ his contribution to the project.
20. The event was held to _____ the victims of the war.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. Public figures often face scrutiny and backlash due to surrounding their actions.
22. After the argument they became and stopped talking to each other.
23. Political disagreements can create high among citizens.
24. His financial motivated him to work harder.
25. The party members share a common that guides their policies.
26. The team the opponent's strategy and prepared accordingly.
27. His talent and hard work him recognition in the industry.
28. The two companies are to strengthen their position in the market.
29. The organization faced a when the financial irregularities were discovered.
30. The mystery novel had a plot full of twists and turns that kept readers engaged.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Irony 2. Contrasting 3. Endorsement 4. Command 5. Acknowledgment 6. Recuperate 7. Vehehemently 8. Anticipation 9. Protocol 10. Indictment

Gap-Fill: 11. Resilience 12. allegations 13. struggles 14. relinquished 15. chaos 16. antagonizing 17. concerns 18. procedural 19. acknowledged 20. commemorate

Matching sentence: 1. controversies 2. estranged 3. tensions 4. struggles 5. ideology 6. anticipated 7. garners 8. allying



9. reckoning 10. intriguing

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