



# Trump spares longtime adviser Stone from prison

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*President Donald Trump commuted the sentence of his longtime friend and adviser Roger Stone on Friday, sparing him from prison after he was convicted of lying under oath to lawmakers investigating Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.*

1. Donald Trump has used the power of the Presidency \_\_\_\_\_

2-1. Stone was convicted \_\_\_\_\_

2-2. and had been \_\_\_\_\_

3. Upon hearing the news \_\_\_\_\_

Roger Stone: “Just a few minutes ago I had a very gracious call from the President of the United States, who told me that he had decided to use his extraordinary powers of clemency to commute my sentence at what he called a full commutation of my sentence.”

4-1. Democrat’s quickly criticized \_\_\_\_\_

4-2. who tweeted “ \_\_\_\_\_

4-3. One for Trump's criminal friends \_\_\_\_\_

5-1. Previous uses of Trump's use of this executive clemency \_\_\_\_\_

5-2. and \_\_\_\_\_

## [Vocabulary]

□ **Presidency**: the job of being president, or the period of time that someone has this job

- *She worked in the White House throughout the Clinton presidency.*
- *Poverty had declined during his presidency.*
- *power of the Presidency*

□ **commute a sentence**: to change a punishment to one that is less severe

- *His sentence has been commuted to one of life imprisonment.*

□ **Roger Stone**: Roger Joseph Stone Jr. August 27, 1952 (age 67);

an American conservative political consultant, lobbyist, and convicted felon. In November 2019, subsequent to the Mueller Report and Special Counsel investigation, he was convicted on seven counts, including witness tampering and lying to investigators. On February 20, 2020, he was sentenced to 40 months in federal prison. The sentence was commuted by President Donald Trump on July 10, 2020.

□ **spare**: to prevent someone from experiencing an unpleasant, painful, or embarrassing situation or feeling

- *Prisoners are spared the indignity of wearing uniforms.*
- *Thank God she had been spared the ordeal of surgery.*

□ **convicted**: proved to be guilty of a crime by a court of law

- *a convicted killer/murderer/rapist*
- *In 1977 he was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.*
- *There was insufficient evidence to convict him.*
- *ex-con = ex-convict*

□ **lie under oath**: to make false statements under oath

- *She also served the prison sentence for lying under oath to federal investigators.*
- *Mayor of Detroit is going to jail and will serve five years of probation all for lying under oath in a sex scandal involving him and his top aide.*

□ **interference**: the process of deliberately becoming involved in a situation and trying to influence the way that it develops, although you have no right to do this

- *They expressed resentment at outside interference in their domestic affairs.*
- *Airlines will be able to set cheap fares without interference from the government.*
- *Russian interference*

□ **due**: if something is due to happen, it is expected to happen or should happen

- *He is due to return from the States to Japan on Friday of next week.*
- *I think you should try to sell your house now, as the skyrocketing prices in this area are due to drop soon.*

□ **report to**: to present oneself to someone or appear at some location as instructed

- *I have to report to my parole officer every Friday afternoon.*
- *Please report to the center for immigration to renew your work permit.*

□ **federal prison**: Most United States Penitentiaries (USPs) are high-security facilities, which have highly secured perimeters with walls or reinforced fences, multiple and single-occupant cell housing, the highest staff-to-inmate ratio, and close control of inmate movement.

□ **clemency**: a decision not to punish someone severely, made by someone in a position of authority

• *The killer's wife begged the judge to give her husband clemency so he would be out of prison before she died.*

• *In their letter to the governor, the victim's family asked him not to give clemency to their son's murderer.*

□ **commutation**: the action of changing a punishment to one that is less severe; the reduction in severity of a penalty imposed by law. The only person who can grant a commutation of sentence is the chief executive officer of a state or of the United States. Accordingly, if a person is in prison for a federal crime, then the president of the United States is the official who has the power to grant a commutation of sentence.

• *A few days afterward he sent in another petition, praying for a commutation of his sentence.*

□ **House Intelligence Committee**: It is the primary committee in the U.S. House of Representatives charged with the oversight of the United States Intelligence Community.

□ **Adam Schiff**: Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee

□ **executive clemency**: the power (usually of a president or governor) to pardon or commute the sentence of someone convicted in that jurisdiction

• *He was to be sentenced in early 2017 prior to executive clemency.*

□ **ally**: someone who is ready to help you, especially against someone else who is causing problems for you; If you describe someone as your ally, you mean that they help and support you, especially when other people are opposing you.

• *If you're going to succeed in this job you will need allies.*

• *He is a close ally of the Prime Minister.*

□ **well-connected**: having influential or important relatives or friends

• *He is also a well-connected figure in international business.*

• *Research shows personality rather than education or having a well-connected family is the key.*

□ **political figure**: a politician who is active in party politics or holding or seeking an office in government; One who is actively involved or skilled in politics, especially one who holds a political office.

• *An outstanding educator and political figure.*

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