Involves Donald Trump

Donor and Mar-a-Lago host Adam Kidan pardoned

B Reported

The pardon is a primary record. The contributions and Mar-a-Lago ties are reported by NOTUS (via Spotlight PA) and Florida Bulldog, which differ on the total. FEC filings were not opened here.

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REACHED THE FAMILY

2024 year precision

$270,000 estimated

About $270,000 to Trump-affiliated committees in the 2024 cycle per federal records (NOTUS). Florida Bulldog counts more than $1.13 million to Trump's campaign and supporting committees in 2024. Kidan also held his 2023 wedding at Mar-a-Lago, which requires membership; what he paid the club is not public.

FROM Adam Kidan (individual)

CHANNEL campaign contributions and events at a Trump property

OFFICIAL ACTION

Jul 3, 2026

Full pardon for the SunCruz Casinos fraud conviction, erasing about $21.7 million in unpaid restitution owed to the family of SunCruz's murdered former owner

AGENCY President; Department of Justice Office of the Pardon Attorney

No day count is calculated because at least one of the two dates is known only to the month or year.

WHAT HAPPENED

Adam Kidan pleaded guilty in 2006, alongside lobbyist Jack Abramoff, to fraud in the purchase of SunCruz Casinos. He served under half of a 70-month sentence and owed $21.7 million in restitution to the family of SunCruz's former owner. Florida Bulldog found no sign in the court file that he had paid it.

Kidan became a major Republican donor. NOTUS, citing federal records, reports about $270,000 to Trump-affiliated committees in the 2024 cycle; Florida Bulldog counts more than $1.1 million to Trump's campaign and supporting committees. He has hosted fundraisers at Mar-a-Lago and held his 2023 wedding there, which requires club membership.

On July 3, 2026, Trump pardoned him, three days after Kidan gave $2,600 to a Pennsylvania congressman's PAC. The White House says Trump makes the final decision and finds it detestable that anyone would try to profit off pardons.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

No legal question has been raised by anyone with standing or expertise in the sources reviewed, so this field is left blank rather than supplied by the ledger.

THEIR RESPONSE

The White House said Trump is the final decision maker on pardons, and Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt said the president finds it detestable that anyone would try to profit off pardons. Kidan did not respond.

SOURCES

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