Involves Donald Trump

Antwerp's 321-diamond ring and the diamond tariff exemption

B Reported

The gift is reported by the AP and Reuters; the exemption is reported by Reuters with the White House's explanation. The exemption notice itself was not opened here.

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REACHED THE FAMILY

Jun 30, 2026

$35,000 range

Two independent jewelers consulted by the AP estimated $25,000 to $35,000. An administration official told Reuters the ring is federal property and the president would have to pay market price to keep it.

FROM Antwerp World Diamond Centre (company)

CHANNEL gift to the president

OFFICIAL ACTION

Jul 24, 2026

The administration exempted European natural diamonds from new Section 301 tariffs, restoring 0% access for Antwerp's roughly $2 billion a year in U.S. exports

AGENCY Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

The action is dated 24 days after the payment.

WHAT HAPPENED

In the week of June 30, 2026, at a U.S. Embassy event in Brussels marking America's 250th birthday, the president of the Antwerp World Diamond Centre handed the U.S. ambassador a gold ring for Trump. It holds 321 diamonds, 56 sapphires, 13 emeralds and six rubies and is engraved "Crafted in Antwerp for Donald John Trump." Two jewelers consulted by the AP valued it at $25,000 to $35,000. Trump thanked "my friends from Antwerp" in a video.

On July 24, 2026, the administration exempted European natural diamonds from new tariffs, restoring zero-tariff access for about $2 billion a year in Antwerp exports. The White House said it was honoring the 2025 U.S. EU trade deal, and the diamond centre says the ring had nothing to do with tariffs.

An administration official told Reuters the ring is federal property and Trump would have to pay market price to keep it. Two Democratic senators warned the gift raised questions

under federal bribery law.

POTENTIAL VIOLATION

Possible violation of federal bribery law (section not specified in reporting)

STATUTE OR CLAUSE None cited

RAISED BY Two Democratic senators in a letter to the Antwerp World Diamond Centre and the jeweler (August 2026), as reported by Reuters

This is a potential violation as described by the party named. No charge has been filed in this entry; the ledger does not call anything a crime below tier D.

THEIR RESPONSE

The diamond centre says tariffs were entirely separate from the ring, which marked America's 250th anniversary at a U.S. Embassy event. The White House says the exemption upheld the 2025 U.S.-EU trade deal. An administration official says the ring is federal property.

SOURCES

> **Associated Press (via CP24)** Jul 3, 2026 news
> Belgian diamond group that won tariff relief gifted Trump a lavishly encrusted ring
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> **Reuters (via Kitco)** Aug 13, 2026 news
> Antwerp diamond sector rejects link between Trump ring and tariff exemption
> archived copy

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