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## FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT SARKOZY TO APPEAL CONDEMNATION OVER INFLUENCE PEDDLING

### SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS 2 OF THEM SUSPENDED

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**USPA NEWS** - The courthouse of Paris has found Nicolas Sarkozy, a former French president, guilty of corruption and influence-peddling, and sentenced to three years in prison, two of them suspended. Nicolas Sarkozy, denied all the allegations, and said to Ruth Elkrief, BFM TV, in a interview, in November 2020 « I'm innocent and the truth will prevail »  
The former French president is convicted of corruption, and his ex lawyer, Thierry Herzog, also convicted, yet, the former President is likely expected to appeal

### NICOLAS SARKOZY FORECASTS THAT HE WILL APPEAL THE DECISION OF THE JUSTICE ACCORDING TO HIS LAWYER MAITRE LAFFONT-----

The Paris Criminal Court rendered its judgment on Monday in the so-called wiretapping case. Former head of state Nicolas Sarkozy was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, one of which was firm, for corruption and influence peddling in the so-called "eavesdropping" affair, born in 2014 of telephone interceptions with his historical lawyer Thierry Herzog.-----

So there will be a new trial, "Nicolas Sarkozy is already on the call and he is neither groggy nor dazed he is in the next step. I have no doubt that Nicolas Sarkozy will be relaxed "announced his lawyer Maitre Jacqueline Laffont" He has the truth for him, he is determined and combative and calm "

The appeal is obvious, the judgment is incomprehensible. The judgment is severe and unjustified "added Maitre Jacqueline Laffont, lawyer for Nicolas Sarkozy.

Gerald Darmanin, the current Minister of the Interior, expressed his friendly support to Nicolas Sarkozy, who was the right-wing leader of the Republicans party in France. Many political figures have said they are shocked by this judgment, while Thierry Herzog's lawyer Pierre Albert Inweiss explains that this judgment "is not based on any evidence". Indeed, the pleadings were built mainly on excerpts from Thierry Herzog's telephone conversation about "influence peddling" vis-À-vis the former magistrate Gilbert Aziberg, for whom. Nicolas Sarkozy reportedly tried to help get a job in Monaco, in exchange for information about the Bettencourt affair, on which Nicolas Sarkozy was implicated. The judgment that has just been made between himself and his ex-lawyer, based on eavesdropping.

### NICOLAS SARKOZY'S JAIL SENTENCE SHOCKS FRANCE'S POLITICAL CLASS

The former French president is convicted of corruption, but is expected to appeal. The judgment is not based on something of proof following a long inscription which lasted a long time supposed to collect proofs, But they did not find any because there is none, but only spindles of proof of abuse on friendly relations. No proof, no proof word, just clue beams that replace stones, "said Jacqueline Laffont, Nicolas Sarkozy's lawyer.

The decision has sent a shockwave through the French political class. This is the first time in modern history that an ex-president has been both handed a prison sentence and convicted of criminal acts relating to his time in the highest office. In 2011 Jacques Chirac, another centre-right former president, was convicted of the misuse of public funds but dating to his term as mayor of Paris in the 1990s; he was handed a two-year suspended sentence. Mr Sarkozy has denied all the allegations and is likely to appeal « It is an extremely harsh sentence for a particularly light case "said Bruno Retailleau, Senator of the Republicans Party (LR). "Nicolas Sarkozy has my full support, I will never forget everything he did for our country" Gerald Darmanin, the Minister of Interior,

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