

Hunter Biden's legal woes

Federal prosecutors seek a grand jury indictment of U.S. President Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden. The investigation is a fresh setback to his father's 2024 re-election bid



■ **2018:** Department of Justice opens tax probe into **Hunter Biden** (above left) over income from Chinese oil and gas company **CEFC** and Ukrainian business **Burisma Holdings**

■ **2021:** President Trump-appointed attorney for Delaware, **David C. Weiss** (right), continues investigation of Hunter Biden under new Biden administration

■ **Nov 2022:** Republicans gain control of House of Representatives. Hunter Biden becomes target of investigation with lawmakers obtaining financial records from members of Biden family through subpoenas

■ **Jun 2023:** Plea deal. Hunter Biden pleads guilty to misdemeanour crimes to resolve five-year investigation for failing to pay more than \$100,000 in taxes from over \$1.5 million in income in 2017 and 2018, and illegal gun ownership while using drugs

■ **Jul 25:** House Speaker **Kevin McCarthy** pushes for impeachment of President **Joe Biden** (above right) over unproven claims that his family reaped \$20 million from oligarchs in Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine during his vice presidency from 2009-17

■ **Jul 26:** Plea deal collapses after U.S. District Judge **Maryellen Noreika** (right) says she cannot approve “unusual” deal that would spare Hunter Biden prison time

■ **Aug 11:** Justice Department Attorney General **Merrick Garland** (inset) names Weiss as special counsel – wielding same powers as attorney but with broader independence. Major escalation in probe into tax evasion, illegal foreign lobbying, and money laundering

■ **Sep 29:** Deadline set by special counsel Weiss for planned new indictments

