

U.S. President Joe Biden was allegedly paid \$5 million by an executive of the Ukrainian natural gas firm Burisma Holdings, where his son Hunter Biden sat on the board, a confidential human source told the FBI during a June 2020 interview.

The sources briefed Fox News Digital on the contents of the FBI-generated FD-1023 form alleging a criminal bribery scheme between then-Vice President Joe Biden and a foreign national that involved influence over U.S. policy decisions.

The FD-1023 form, dated June 30, 2020, is the FBI's interview with a "highly credible" confidential source who detailed multiple meetings and conversations he or she had with a top Burisma executive over the course of several years, starting in 2015. Fox News Digital has not seen the form, but it was described by several sources who are aware of its contents.

An FD-1023 form is used by FBI agents to record unverified reporting from confidential human sources. The form is used to document information as told to an FBI agent, but recording that information does not validate or weigh it against other information known by the FBI.

The Burisma executive sought the advice of the confidential source, a business professional, on gaining U.S. oil rights and getting involved with a U.S. oil company, the sources familiar with the document said.

The Burisma executive was speaking with the confidential source to "get advice on the best way to get forward" in 2015

Ukrainian gas firm paid Biden \$5m in 2020 in bribery scam: Report



and 2016. According to the FD-1023 form, the confidential human source said the Burisma executive discussed Hunter's role on the board. The confidential human source questioned why the Burisma executive needed his or her advice in acquiring access to U.S. oil if he had Hunter Biden on the board. The Burisma executive answered by referring to Hunter Biden as "dumb". The Burisma executive explained to the confidential source that Burisma had to "pay the Bidens" because Ukrainian prosecutor Vik-

tor Shokin was investigating Burisma and explained how difficult it would be to enter the U.S. market in the midst of that investigation. The confidential source further detailed that conversation, suggesting to the Burisma executive that he "pay the Bidens \$50,000 each," to which the Burisma executive replied, it is "not \$50,000," it is "\$5 million." "\$5 million for one Biden, \$5 million for the other Biden," the Burisma executive told the confidential human source, according to a source familiar with

the document. A source familiar said according to the document, the \$5 million payments appeared to reference a kind of "retainer" Burisma intended to pay the Bidens to deal with a number of issues including the investigation led by Shokin. Another source referred to the arrangement as a "pay-to-play" scheme. Sources familiar told Fox News Digital that the confidential human source believes that the \$5 million payment to Joe Biden and the \$5 million payment to Hunter Biden occurred,

based on his or her conversations with the Burisma executive. The confidential source said the Burisma executive told him he "paid" the Bidens in such a manner "through so many different bank accounts" that investigators would not be able to "unravel this for at least 10 years." The document then makes reference to "the Big Guy," which, has been said to be a reference to Joe Biden. The Burisma executive told the confidential source that he "didn't pay the Big Guy directly."



U.S. President Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, step off Air Force One on Saturday, February 4, 2023, at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base in Syracuse, New York.

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Boris Johnson's bombshell exit from Parliament leaves U.K. politics reeling



Boris Johnson
● AP

Former U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson left chaos in his wake Saturday after quitting Parliament with a blast at fellow lawmakers he accused of ousting him in a "witch hunt".

As opponents jeered, the Conservative government absorbed the shock of yet another Johnson earthquake, while a band of loyal supporters insisted Britain's divisive ex-leader could still make a comeback, according to AP.

Less than a year after he was forced out as prime minister by his own Conservative Party, Johnson unexpectedly stepped down as a lawmaker late Friday — "at least for now," he said in a self-justifying resignation statement. Johnson quit after being told he will be sanctioned for misleading Parliament over "partygate," a series of rule-breaking gatherings in the prime minister's office during the coronavirus pandemic. Johnson was among scores of people fined by police over late-night soirees, boozy parties, and "wine time Fridays" that broke restrictions the government had imposed on the country.

Johnson has acknowledged misleading Parliament when he assured lawmakers that no rules had been broken, but he said he didn't do so deliberately, genuinely believing the gatherings were legitimate work events. A standards committee investigating him appears to see things differently.

Johnson quit after receiving the report of the Privileges Committee, which has not yet been made public. Johnson faces suspension from the House of Commons if the committee found he had lied deliberately. Johnson, 58, called the committee "a kangaroo court" that was determined to "drive me out of Parliament". "Their purpose from the beginning has been to find me guilty, regardless of the facts," Johnson said.

By quitting Parliament, Johnson avoids a suspension that could have seen him ousted from his Commons seat by his constituents, leaving him free to run for Parliament again in the future. His resignation statement suggested he was mulling that option.

Nord Stream saboteurs may have used Poland as base of operation

German investigators are examining evidence that suggests a sabotage team used Poland, a European Union neighbor and NATO ally, as an operating base to blow up the Nord Stream pipelines built to transport Russian gas through the Baltic Sea.

The probe by Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office is examining why the yacht they believe was used to carry out the operation journeyed into Polish waters, Wall Street Journal wrote.

Other findings suggest Poland was a hub for the logistics and financing of last September's undersea sabotage attack that severed the strongest bond tying Berlin to Moscow.

Poland, which is conducting its own inquiry, has struggled for months to learn what Germany is investigating. German investigators have fully reconstructed the entire two-week-long voyage of the Andromeda — the 50-foot white pleasure yacht suspected of being involved in one of the biggest acts of sabotage on the continent since World War II — and pinpointed that it deviated from its target to venture into Polish waters.

The previously unreported findings were pieced together with data from the Andromeda's radio and navigation equipment as well as satellite and mobile phones and Gmail accounts used by the culprits — and DNA samples left aboard, which Germany has tried to match to at least one Ukrainian soldier.

Taken together, the details show that the boat sailed around each of the locations where the blasts later took place — evidence that fortified investigators' belief that the Andromeda was instrumental in last year's destruction of the pipeline. Investigators have concluded that one explosive used in the operation was HMX, also known as octogen, a colorless substance well-suited for demolishing underwater infrastructure.

German investigators say they are also looking into why the yacht was rented with the help of a travel agency based in Warsaw that appears to be part of a network of Ukrainian-owned front companies with suspected links to Ukrainian intelligence, according to people familiar with the investigation.



Polish officials have cast doubt that the Andromeda was involved in the sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines in September 2022.

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Ukraine's counter-offensive has begun: Zelensky



BBC — Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky appears to have confirmed that his country's counter-offensive against Russia has started. "Counteroffensive and defensive actions are taking place," he said on Saturday, refusing to disclose details. Ukrainian troops are reported to have advanced in the east near Bakhmut and in the south near Zaporizhzhia and have carried out long-range strikes on Russian targets. But assessing the reality on the front lines is difficult, with the two warring sides presenting contrasting narratives: Ukraine claiming progress and Russia that it is fighting off attacks.

Four children survived plane crash, 40 days in Amazon



AP — Four Indigenous children who disappeared 40 days ago after surviving a small plane crash in the Amazon jungle were found alive on Friday, Colombian authorities announced, ending an intense search that gripped the nation. Damaris Mucutuy, an aunt of the children, told a radio station that despite being found with signs of dehydration and insect bites, "the children are fine" and have been offered mental health services.

Blast at Turkish explosives factory kills five



REUTERS — Five workers have been killed in a blast that rocked an explosives factory in the Turkish capital of Ankara on Saturday, Turkey's Defence Ministry said in a statement. The blast occurred at the MKE Rocket and Explosives Factory some 40 km outside Ankara. Ankara governor Vasip Sahin told reporters there were no more workers trapped, waiting to be rescued, or hospitalized.