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Giuliani questioned by special grand jury

Others have been subpoenaed to testify, including Sen. Graham and Gov. Kemp

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ATLANTA — Rudy Giuliani said Wednesday that he had “satisfied his obligation” after facing hours of questioning Wednesday before a special grand jury in Atlanta as a target of an investigation into attempts by former President Donald Trump and others to overturn his 2020 election defeat in Georgia.

In an interview with The Associated



Giuliani

Press, Giuliani said Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis ended his appearance by saying he had “satisfied his obligation under the subpoena.”

“So I was very happy that I satisfied my obligation,” he said.

Speaking upon his return to New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport, Giuliani didn’t provide any addi-

tional details about his appearance or testimony, including the type of questions he was asked. He was pushed through the terminal in a wheelchair alongside his lawyer, Bob Costello.

Giuliani’s attorneys tried to delay his appearance before the special grand jury, saying he was unable to fly due to heart stent surgery in early July. On Wednesday, Giuliani said “my plane ride was OK,” noting that it was his first since the procedure.

Costello said the session, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a half-hour lunch, “went very well. No disputes.” Costello did not immediately address

whether Giuliani answered questions or declined.

“Everyone was a lady or gentleman. Professional,” he wrote in a text message, adding that Willis came out to greet Giuliani and his lawyers at the end.

The investigation by the Democratic prosecutor has brought heightened scrutiny to the desperate and ultimately failed efforts to overturn Joe Biden’s 2020 election win. It’s one of several investigations into Trump’s actions in office as he lays the groundwork for another run at the White House in 2024.

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Professional wrestler Jessie Kresa stands in front of ODB's Meat & Greet food truck Wednesday during Summertime by George in St. Cloud. PHOTOS BY DAVE SCHWARZ/ST. CLOUD TIMES

ODB's Meat & Greet

Pro wrestler serves up barbecue from St. Cloud food truck

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If you’re a professional wrestling fan, you might do a double-take when you peruse this year’s food truck offerings at Summertime by George. Is that... is that ODB?

Longtime professional wrestler Jessie Kresa, known by her wrestling name ODB (One Dirty Bitch), is serving up barbecue out of her very own food truck, ODB’s Meat & Greet. If you had any doubt that it was the real deal, her likeness emblazoned on the side of the truck will confirm it.

But how did St. Cloud become home to a mobile business run by a pro wrestling darling?

It helps that she’s a Minnesota native. Kresa grew up in Osseo and had several jobs as a bartender and in restaurants. (She also played ice hockey at St. Cloud State University for two



Jessie Kresa and Alan Leaf smile from the window of ODB's Meat & Greet food truck Wednesday during Summertime by George in St. Cloud.

years.) She enjoyed cooking and entertaining, but a food truck hadn’t crossed her mind.

Kresa spent 20 years in professional wrestling, best known for her time with American professional wrestling pro-

motion IMPACT Wrestling. Her contract ended in 2014, though she’s made several appearances since then and has plans for future ones, too.

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FEMA to reach out to tribal nations

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency has developed a new strategy to better engage with hundreds of Native American tribes as they face climate change-related disasters, the agency announced Thursday.

This focus on regular interactions on tribal land is an immense development. More intimate discussions such as workshops, roundtables and webinars are “exceedingly important to tribes.”

Bill Auberle
 Co-founder of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University

FEMA will include the 574 federally recognized tribal nations in discussions about possible future dangers from climate change, and has earmarked \$50 million in grants for tribes pursuing ways to ease burdens related to extreme weather. Tribal governments will be offered more training on how to navigate applying for FEMA funds. The new plan calls for tribal liaisons to give a yearly report to FEMA leaders on how prepared tribes are.

“We are seeing communities across the country that are facing increased threats as a result of climate change,” FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell said in a conference call with media. “What we want to do in this strategy is make sure that we can reach out to tribal nations and help them understand what the potential future threats are going to be.”

In recent years, tribal and Indigenous communities have faced upheaval dealing with changing sea levels as well as an increase in floods and wildfires. Tribal citizens have lost homes or live in homes that need to be relocated because of coastal erosion. Some cannot preserve cultural traditions like hunting and fishing because of climate-related drought.

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