

Judge's shocking 'sorry' to would-be Trump assassin:



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A DC federal judge apologized Monday to the man accused of trying to assassinate President Trump and members of his Cabinet at the White House Correspondents' Dinner for the restrictive conditions he's been subjected to in jail.

US Magistrate Judge Zia M. Faruqi told Cole Allen, 31, he was sorry that the suspect had been held under suicide watch despite a mental health exam finding he didn't pose a threat to harm himself, according to Politico.

Faruqi said it was the court's job to make sure Allen was jailed responsibly and safely, adding that he was "being treated differently than anyone I've ever observed."

Prosecutor Jocelyn Ballantine said the FBI recommended the measure because Allen told

agents after his apprehension April 25 that "he did not expect to survive the attempted assassination of the president."

Tony Towns, a lawyer for the DC lockup, said Allen was in the isolated cell because of "ongoing" psych exams and that the decision to keep him there was made by medical staff at the facility.

However, Faruqi said he didn't think Allen's statement meant he planned to kill himself but rather that he expected to be shot during his assault on the black-tie soiree at the Washington Hilton hotel.

'Escorted to shower'

"Whatever you've been through, I apologize for the prior week," the judge said, according to a report by USA Today.

Faruqi ordered the feds to update him by Tuesday evening



SOFT: Judge Zia M. Faruqi (left) apologized to accused WHCD shooter Cole Allen (above) for his jail treatment.

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about where Allen will be held going forward and said he'd need justification for any decision to tighten restrictions on him in jail.

"This is not the jail's first go-around with people engaged in alleged political violence," the jurist said, referring to the dozens

of Trump supporters held there in the aftermath of the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riot.

Allen's lawyers had requested Monday's hearing but asked for a cancellation Sunday, noting their client had been finally removed from suicide watch.

Faruqi declined to scrap the hearing, citing "grave concerns" about Allen's treatment.

Allen's lawyers had claimed their client was "escorted to the shower," strip-searched any time he came into or left his cell and was made to wear a padded vest.

"These conditions are excessive restrictions on his liberty that serve no justifiable purpose and deprive Mr. Allen of dignity while incarcerated," Allen's team wrote at the time.

The Torrance, Calif., native is charged with attempting to assassinate the president, transporting a firearm and ammunition across state lines with intent to commit a felony and discharge of a firearm during a crime of violence. He has yet to enter a plea and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

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Cereals to get toy treats | Mex. City's sinking feeling

Here's the new scoop on breakfast: For the first time in over a decade, Kellogg's is putting toys back in cereal boxes — including collectible spoons and other freebies.

Special-edition boxes of Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops,

Apple Jacks and Corn Pops will have plastic toys to celebrate Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 5," which will be in theaters June 19.

The toys include spoons modeled after "Toy Story" characters, trading cards and

movie ticket promotions.

Plastic toys in cereal boxes used to be a central component of breakfast, but manufacturers needed to cut costs and consumers worried about choking hazards.

Brooke Steinberg

North America's largest city is experiencing a slump ... literally.

Mexico City is reportedly sinking at such a rapid rate that its descent is visible from space.

Satellite photos by NASA

have shown that the Mexican metropolis is subsiding at a rate of nearly 10 inches per year, making it one of the fastest-sinking cities in the world — which could threaten its foundation, the AP reported.

In total, some areas have sunk by hundreds of feet, in total while there's been a notable tilt in historic structures like the Metropolitan Cathedral, which began construction in 1573.

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