Weissmann also pointed to the crimes Manafort

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Mueller's office ultimately charged Manafort with several crimes in two cases, one in Virginia and the second in Washington, DC.

In Virginia, Manafort was charged with multiple counts of tax fraud, bank fraud, and failure to report foreign bank accounts. He was convicted of eight of 18 counts.

In the second case, brought in Washington, DC, he struck a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and one count of obstruction.

Manafort was sentenced to 47 months in prison in the Virginia case. US District Judge Amy Berman Jackson sentenced Manafort to 60 months for the first count in the Washington, DC, case, with 30 months concurrent with his sentence in the Virginia case. For the second count, Jackson sentenced Manafort to 13 months in prison. In total, Manafort was sentenced to 90 months, or 7 1/2 years, in prison.

"Mr. Manafort committed crimes that undermined our political process, " Weissmann told the court at Manafort's sentencing hearing in March 2019.

He also emphasized how serious it was for Manafort to illegally lobby for foreign governments on US soil.

"It is hard to imagine a more righteous prosecution of this act, " Weissmann said, adding that it is not the first time someone has been prosecuted for violating the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

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