

House Republicans Can't Locate Nathan Wade Amid Fani Willis Probe

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House Republicans are facing challenges locating Nathan Wade, a key figure in their investigation into Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis (D). Despite issuing a subpoena one week ago, a spokesperson for the House Judiciary Committee, Russell Dye, told *Newsweek* that efforts to find Wade have been unsuccessful.

The committee is trying to subpoena Wade to testify, which will likely include questions about his previous personal relationship with Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis. Willis charged former President Donald Trump with allegedly seeking to interfere with the 2020 election results in Georgia, a swing state that narrowly backed President Joe Biden.

The lead prosecutor in the case, which is investigating Trump's call to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find" enough votes to tip the election in his favor and an alleged plot to submit a false slate of electors to the Electoral College, was Wade, who has since left the role. Trump has pleaded not guilty to all charges and claims it is a political witch hunt.

"The committee issued the subpoena on Friday, attempted to serve the subpoena to Nathan Wade's lawyer, who declined, and subsequently the committee tried to

serve the subpoena via email through Nathan Wade himself, never heard back. As a result the committee had to use the assistance of the U.S. Marshals, who have also not been able to find Nathan Wade,” Dye told *Newsweek* via phone Wednesday evening.

The committee spokesperson also told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* that the Republican-led committee has “served over 100 subpoenas this Congress. We have done so, for the most part, without controversy or the need to use the U.S. Marshals.” He added that “Nathan Wade’s evasion of service is extremely unusual and will require the Committee to spend U.S. tax dollars to locate him.”

Wade, a special prosecutor who assisted in securing a grand jury indictment against former President Donald Trump and his co-defendants in the Georgia election subversion case, has been at the center of controversy. A January court motion filed by Trump co-defendant Michael Roman argued that Willis had improperly hired Wade and accused the two of having an extramarital and financial relationship that benefitted both parties at the expense of Fulton County taxpayers.

Robin Yeartie, a longtime assistant and close friend of Willis, testified that she believed the affair between Willis and Wade began in 2019, contradicting Willis’ sworn court statements. While Fulton County Superior Court Judge Scott McAfee ruled that Willis could remain on the case, he required her to either step aside or fire Wade. Wade resigned shortly after the ruling.