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On May 30, 2024, former U.S. President Donald Trump was found guilty on all 34 counts of falsifying business records by a jury in Manhattan, New York. This conviction marks Trump as the first former U.S. president to be convicted of a crime. The charges stemmed from hush money payments made to adult film actress Stormy Daniels before the 2016 presidential election to cover up an alleged affair from 2006.

The verdict has significant implications for Trump, who immediately declared his intention to appeal, alleging bias from the judge. Sentencing is scheduled for July 11, with possibilities ranging from a fine to a prison term, although experts suggest a fine is more likely.

Despite the conviction, Trump remains eligible to run for president in the 2024 election, given that the U.S. Constitution only requires a presidential candidate to be at least 35 years old, a “natural-born” citizen, and a resident of the country for at least 14 years. This situation mirrors historical precedents, such as Socialist Party candidate Eugene Debs running for president from prison in 1920.

The reaction to the conviction has been mixed, sparking a broad spectrum of commentary from political analysts, legal experts, and the general public. Some view the verdict as a victory for the rule of law, while others see it as a politically motivated prosecution. The upcoming debates and further political developments will be closely watched as the nation heads toward the November presidential election.