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You mess with election? Trump asks, Putin denies

FACE TO FACE AT LAST, THEY FOCUS ON COOPERATION



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Russian President Vladimir Putin and U.S. President Donald Trump speak Friday at the G-20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany. Asked by Trump about interference in the U.S. election, Putin denied involvement, and their two-hour talk moved on to cybersecurity and the Syrian war.

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HAMBURG, Germany — President Donald Trump questioned President Vladimir Putin of Russia on Friday about Russia's interference in the 2016 election, using their first face-to-face meeting to directly raise what has become a vexing political issue for the White House.

Putin denied any meddling, and aides for each offered differing versions of the exchange. But both sides said the two leaders quickly turned to a discussion of how they could work together, including on combating cyberattacks and de-escalating the war in

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Syria.

The meeting on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit, originally scheduled for 35 minutes, clocked in at 2 hours and 16 minutes. The conversation proved so all-consuming that even Trump's wife, Melania, failed in her attempt to pry the two leaders apart halfway through so Donald Trump could keep his later appointments.

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who was in the room, said: "There was so much to talk about, neither one of them wanted to

stop."

Tillerson said that the president had confronted Putin in a "robust and lengthy" discussion and that Putin had denied involvement in any election interference. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov of Russia, the only other official in the meeting, said Trump accepted Putin's denial.

Both aides were trying to present their leaders as having stood their ground.

The relationship between the United States and Russia is so fraught, so mired in distrust, disruption, power plays and cybersabotage, that the best Putin and Trump could get away with was setting up mechanisms to talk about

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Inslee vetoes B&O tax cut

FOR MANUFACTURERS

Governor calls provision in budget deal 'grossly unfair' to taxpayers

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Drawing angry backlash from Republicans, Gov. Jay Inslee on Friday vetoed a big tax break for Washington manufacturers, saying it was passed in "an unaccountable manner in the dead of night."

In a governor's office ceremony, Inslee, a Democrat, vetoed portions of Senate Bill 5977 that would have lowered the business and occupation (B&O) tax rate by 40 percent for some 10,000 manufacturing firms across the state.

The cut would have given those manufacturers the same rate granted to Boeing and other aerospace companies in 2003, and then extended in a record-setting tax-break deal in 2013.

The tax cut had been agreed to by Democratic and Republican budget negotiators near the end of late-night secret talks last week. Republicans had insisted on the provision as part of a deal to avert a government shutdown.

But Inslee called the tax cut "grossly unfair" to taxpayers. "It was done in the middle of the night. It had zero accountability. There's not a single job that will be produced, that they can prove will be produced from this," he said.

The veto drew immediate rebukes from Republicans, who accused Inslee of acting in bad faith.

"We just spent months coming
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Washington Gov. Jay Inslee

Wine bottles, fists fly as Delta passenger tries to open door

FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ASSAULTED

Man restrained by zip ties and other passengers as flight to Beijing returned to Sea-Tac

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A 23-year-old Florida man on a Thursday flight from Seattle to Beijing tried to open an exit door on the airborne Boeing 767, sparking a wild brawl with flight attendants and passengers who used wine bottles and zip ties to subdue the combative man, according to a federal complaint.

Joseph D. Hudek IV was charged Friday with one count of interference with flight crew members for allegedly assaulting two flight attendants on Delta Air Lines Flight 129. He is expected to remain in federal custody until a detention hearing scheduled for Thursday.

Hudek appeared for a hearing Friday in U.S. District Court in Seattle, wearing a beige jail uniform and sporting a scrape or bruise below his right eye.

He did not speak during the hearing.
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The galley area of a Delta flight from Seattle shows signs of the struggle after a Florida man allegedly assaulted two flight attendants and attempted to open an exit door.

Technology plays vital role in South Carolina prison escape

HIGH-TECH METHODS

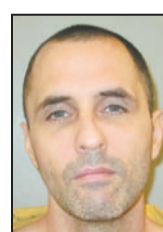
Police believe convict used cellphones, possibly drones to aid his escape

By NIRAJ CHOKSHI
The New York Times

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jimmy Causey escaped from a South Carolina prison this week, but his methods this time around were far more high-tech than they were a dozen years ago, when he broke free from another maximum-security state prison.

Authorities in South Carolina say they believe Causey, who was captured in Texas on Friday after fleeing from prison Tuesday night, had used at least one cellphone and a drone to make his escape.

"We 100 percent know a cellphone was used or multiple cellphones were used while he was incarcerated, and we believe a drone was used to fly in the tools that allowed him to escape," Bryan Stirling, director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, said at a news conference Friday. Stirling didn't elaborate on why officials believe a drone was involved.



Jimmy Causey was held in maximum-security site.

Causey had been serving a life sentence for kidnapping a lawyer.

A tip early Friday led authorities to a Motel 6 in Austin, Texas, where Causey, 46, was staying, according to Mark Keel, head of the South Carolina Law Enforcement

Division.

Authorities in South Carolina notified the Texas Rangers, who visited the room about 4 a.m., he said. There, they found Causey, who was sleeping and did not resist their efforts to take him. He had a semi-automatic pistol, a pump shotgun, extra ammunition, four cellphones, an ID card and \$47,654 in cash. Authorities did

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