Trump pleads not guilty in Georgia election fraud case





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Former US President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty in his Georgia election fraud case, waiving the right to be in court next week.

Mr Trump is among 19 people accused of trying to change the results of the 2020 state election.

1984 2016 3076 Last week, he turned himself in at Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, where he had his mugshot taken.

deny

Mr Trump has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, describing the case as politically motivated.

He faces 13 serious charges, including racketeering, for allegedly pressuring Georgia officials to reverse the results of the 2020 presidential election in that state.

On Thursday, Mr Trump submitted a document acknowledging the accusations against him and chose to be absent when the charges are read in court.

present

A law professor at Georgia State University considers his absence from court insignificant.

in-significant

Mr Trump's court date was set for 6
September, followed by the other defendants in 15-minute intervals. It will be televised and

broadcast on YouTube, a Fulton County judge ruled on Thursday.