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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Jack Smith Testifies on Investigation into Trump]

GAYLE KING: The former special counsel who asked for criminal charges against President Trump after the January 6 assault told his story under oath yesterday. Jack Smith told a congressional committee his evidence proved that Trump led an alleged conspiracy to overturn the 2020 election. He rejected Republican claims that he was under orders to get Trump. Scott MacFarlane has the story.

SCOTT MACFARLANE: For the first time, Jack Smith has testified publicly, defending his historic criminal case against President Trump.

JACK SMITH: Our proof showed that he caused what happened on January 6, that it was foreseeable, and that he exploited that violence.

MACFARLANE: With four police officers who helped stop the attack in the front row, Smith and Democrats blasted what they call a whitewashing of history by Trump and Republicans.

CONGRESSMAN JESUS GARCIA (D-IL): Let's remember why we're here today. Donald Trump incited an insurrection in 2020 because he refused to accept that he lost that election.

MACFARLANE: Republicans accused Smith of overreaching by seeking phone data from lawmakers who were allegedly targeted by Trump to help install fake electors.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JIM JORDAN (R-OH): They got my phone records for 2.5 years. Even the Democrats said this was wrong.

MACFARLANE: Smith said those records were reviewed because Trump and his allies called those lawmakers while trying to stop the election from being certified.

SMITH: We followed the facts and we followed the law. Where that led us was to an indictment of an unprecedented criminal scheme to block the peaceful transfer of power.

MACFARLANE: Trump today called Smith "a deranged animal" and said, "hopefully, the attorney general is looking at what he's done," a post to which Smith responded.

CONGRESSWOMAN BECCA BALINT (D-VT) [TO SMITH]: Do you believe that President Trump's Department of Justice will find some way to indict you?

SMITH: I believe they will do everything in their power to do that because they've been ordered to by the President.

MACFARLANE: For *CBS Mornings*, Scott MacFarlane, Washington.