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Former U.S. President Donald Trump leaves the courtroom after attending the Trump Organization civil fraud trial, in New York State Supreme Court in Manhattan Nov. 6. In a different case, a jury found Jan. 26 that Trump must pay \$83 million for defaming the writer E. Jean Carroll. (OSV News/Reuters/Shannon Stapleton)



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