Verdict

Judal Water

OCTOBER 2019
VOLUME 25 / ISSUE 10
WWW.JUDICIALWATCH.ORG

A News Publication from Judicial Watch

Docs Show FBI Agents Went To Comey's Home To Retrieve FBI Trump Memos



Former FBI Director James Comey

Judicial Watch received six pages of records from the FBI showing that in June 2017, a month after FBI Director James Comey was fired by President Donald Trump, FBI agents visited his home and collected "as evidence" four memos that allegedly detail conversations he had with President Trump.

Comey was fired by Trump on May 9, 2017. The FBI documents show the were collected from Comey by the FBI on June 7, a month later, and are dated February 14, 2017; March 30, 2017; April 11, 2017; and one is dated "last night at 6:30 pm."

The FBI documents also revealed that Comey recalled writing two other memos after conversations with Trump that he claimed were "missing." The FBI visit and interview took place on June 7, the day before Comey admitted leaking the memos in testimony to Congress.

The new FBI documents include a June 9, 2017 FBI Collected

See COMEY on page 2

JW Files House Ethics Complaint Against Rep. Ilhan Omar

Judicial Watch hand-delivered an ethics complaint to the chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Congressional Ethics, David Skaggs, calling for a full investigation into potential crimes tied to allegations that Rep. Ilhan Omar may have married her biological brother.

"The evidence is overwhelming Rep. Omar may have violated the law and House rules. The House of Representatives must urgently investigate and resolve the serious allegations of wrongdoing by Rep. Omar," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "We encourage Americans to share their views on Rep. Omar's apparent

See OMAR on page 4



Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN)

Message from the President

Court Report



U.S. State Dept., Washington, D.C.

11 Corruption Chronicles

15 Government Uncovered

18 In the Media

Omar

From page 1

misconduct with their congressmen."
The Judicial Watch complaint is reprinted below:

"Ethics Complaint Against Rep. Ilhan Omar Concerning Possible Violations of Federal and State Law

"Dear Chairman Skaggs,

"Judicial Watch is a non-profit, non-partisan educational foundation, promoting transparency, accountability and integrity in government and fidelity to the rule of law. We regularly monitor congressional ethics issues as part of our anti-corruption mission.

"This letter serves as an official complaint with the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE).

"Substantial, compelling and, to date, unrefuted evidence has been uncovered that Rep. Ilhan Omar may have committed the following crimes in violation of both federal law and Minnesota state law: perjury, immigration fraud, marriage fraud, state and federal tax fraud, and federal student loan fraud.

"Such violations would also breach the Code of Ethics for Government Service, to which all federal officeholders are subject. 'Any person in Government service should uphold

"Judicial Watch is once again stepping into the breach, doing some basic work that Congress refuses to do, which is to get an ethics complaint going against Rep. Omar."

~ Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton



U.S. Capitol dome

the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States and all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.' Rep. Omar's actions in this suspected immigration fraud, marriage fraud, perjurious statements on her Minnesota divorce filings, and falsifications on her tax returns, merit your immediate investigation.

"In the words of investigative reporter David Steinberg: 'The facts describe perhaps the most extensive spree of illegal misconduct committed by a House member in American history.'

"The evidence developed against Rep. Omar was the result of a three-year-long investigation in both the United States and the United Kingdom by Mr. Steinberg and his investigative-reporter colleagues Preya Samsundar and Scott Johnson. It is supported by information gathered from public records, social media postings, genealogy databases, computer forensic analysis, unaltered digital photographs, discussions between the investigative reporters and the subjects of the investigation themselves, and information supplied by confidential sources within the Somali-American community.

"Document-based reporting by

Steinberg, et al. has developed the following information: Rep. Ilhan Abdullahi Omar, a citizen of the United States, married her biological brother, Ahmed Nur Said Elmi, a citizen of the United Kingdom, in 2009, presumably as part of an immigration fraud scheme. The couple legally divorced in 2017. In the course of that divorce, Ms. Omar submitted an 'Application for an Order for Service by Alternate Means' to the State of Minnesota on August 2, 2017 and claimed, among other things, that she had had no contact with Ahmed Nur Said Elmi after June 2011. She also claimed that she did not know where to find him. The evidence developed by Mr. Steinberg and his colleagues demonstrates with a high degree of certainty that Ms. Omar not only had contact with Mr. Elmi, but actually met up with him in London in 2015, which is supported by photographic evidence. Ms. Omar signed the 'Application for an Order for Service by Alternate Means' under penalty of perjury. The very document that Ilham Omar signed on August 2, 2017 bears the following notation directly above her signature: 'I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.'

"Of particular importance are archived photographs taken during a widely reported trip by Ilhan Omar to London in 2015, posted to her own Instagram account under her nickname "hameey", in which she poses with her husband/presumed brother, Ahmed Elmi. These photographs from 2015 are documentary evidence that in fact she met up with Mr. Elmi after June 2011 and before the date she signed the divorce document in August 2017, thereby calling into question the veracity of her claim that she had

See OMAR on page 5

Omar

From page 4

not seen Mr. Elmi since June 2011.

"Rep. Omar's potential crimes far exceed perjurious statements made in a Minnesota court filing.

"Rep. Omar's conduct may include immigration fraud. It appears that Rep. Omar married her brother in order to assist his emigration to the United States from the United Kingdom. The same immigration fraud scheme may have aided Mr. Elmi in obtaining federally-backed student loans for his attendance at North Dakota State University. Mr. Elmi and Rep. Omar simultaneously attended North Dakota State University and may have derived illicit benefits predicated on the immigration fraud scheme.

"The State of Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board has already determined that Rep. Omar violated state campaign finance laws for improper use of campaign funds. She was forced to reimburse her campaign thousands of dollars. More significantly, the Board discovered that the federal tax returns submitted by Rep. Omar for 2014 and 2015 were filed as 'joint' tax returns with a man who was not her husband, named Ahmed Hirsi, while she was actually married to Ahmed Elmi.

"Under federal law, specifically, 26 U.S. Code & 7206.1, 'Any person who willfully makes and subscribes any return, statement, or other document, which contains or is verified by a written declaration that it is made under the penalties of perjury, and which he does not believe to be true and correct as to every material matter ... shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100,000

See OMAR on page 6

Message

From page 3

Foundation employee who registered the domain name of the unsecure clintonemail.com server that Clinton used while serving as Secretary of State, testified he worked with Huma Abedin, Clinton's deputy chief of staff, to create the non-government email system.

- In the interrogatory responses of E.W. (Bill) Priestap, assistant director of the FBI Counterintelligence Division, he stated that the agency found Clinton email records in the Obama White House, specifically, the Executive Office of the President.
- Jacob "Jake" Sullivan, Clinton's senior advisor and deputy chief of staff when she was secretary of state, testified that both he and Clinton used her unsecure non-government email system to conduct official State Department business.

Eric Boswell, former assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security during Clinton's tenure as secretary of state, testified that Clinton was warned twice against using unsecure BlackBerrys and personal emails to transmit classified material. TE

Announcing Tom Fitton's Judicial Watch Weekly Update

NOW, YOU CAN WATCH TOM FITTON'S JUDICIAL WATCH WEEKLY UPDATE EVERY FRIDAY ON JUDICIAL WATCH'S OWN YOUTUBE CHANNEL! Incisive, exciting and informative, Weekly Update provides you with Tom's unique insights into the week's top IW news stories. It's "must-watch" video at its best. (Simply type in JWatch.us/ subscribe)

Tom Fitton Shoutout To Judicial Watch Interns



From left to right: Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton, **Investigations Intern Jeffery** Popper, Legal Intern Kathryn Blankenberg and Media **Intern Fiona Lacy**

On behalf of the entire staff here at Judicial Watch, I want to thank and commend our three great interns for all their hard work helping us to accomplish three key components of our mission to help uphold the rule of law by bringing transparency to the operation of government to ensure that political and judicial officials do not abuse the powers entrusted to them by the American people.

Anyone interested in becoming a Judicial Watch intern should watch IW's website for information about applying. Go to https://www.judicialwatch.org/about/#careers

Openings for internships are typically posted in April. Resumes should be sent to careers@judicialwatch.org. TE

Omar

From page 5

(\$500,000 in the case of a corporation), or imprisoned not more than 3 years, or both, together with the costs of prosecution.'

"Rep. Omar's federal tax returns must be examined to determine whether any additional falsifications were made.

"Mr. Steinberg, et al. have engaged in meticulous research and reporting over a period of years. They have demonstrated with a high degree of probability that Rep. Ilhan Omar has violated House Ethics Rules, federal and state laws.

"We call upon the Office of Congressional Ethics to launch an investigation into Rep. Omar's conduct immediately.

"Sincerely,

"Tom Fitton, President, Judicial Watch"

Fitton said, "Judicial Watch is once again stepping into the breach, doing some basic work that Congress refuses to do-which is to get an ethics complaint going against Rep. Omar." And, he calls upon all Judicial Watch supporters to contact their Members of Congress immediately and urge them to investigate Omar's conduct w



Call your Members of Congress immediately and insist that the Office of Congressional Ethics investigate Rep. Ilhan Omar's conduct.

202-224-3121

Comey

From page 2

sations with President Trump to Special Counsel Robert Mueller and his team. (Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice (No. 1:18-cv-00932)).

"These extraordinary FBI documents further confirm that James Comey should never have had FBI files on President Trump at his home and that the FBI failed to secure and protect these private and classified files," stated Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "Mr. Comey's illegally leaking these FBI files as part of his vendetta against President Trump (directly resulting in the corrupt appointment of Robert Mueller) ought to be the subject of a criminal investigation."

On June 8, 2017, Comey testified to the Senate Intelligence Committee that he leaked memos of his conversations with President Trump "because [he] thought that might prompt the appointment of a special counsel." Columbia University Law professor Daniel Richman, a friend of Comey's, reportedly "turned over copies of the former FBI director's explosive memos ... to the FBI, sidestepping a request by congressional committees to deliver the materials to Capitol Hill."

The Justice Department previously argued to the court in a separate case that Comey's leak of the memo regarding former national security adviser Michael Flynn was unauthorized and compared it to WikiLeaks.



Comey admitted to Congress regarding the "Flynn" memo:

"I asked a friend of mine to share the content of the memo with a reporter [for The New York Times] ... I asked him to because I thought that might prompt the appointment of a special counsel."

The New York Times published a report about the memo on May 16, 2017. Special Counsel Robert Mueller was appointed the following day.

The Hill noted in a July 9, 2017 report: "More than half of the memos former FBI Director James Comey wrote as personal recollections of his conversations with President Trump about the Russia investigation have been determined to contain classified information, according to interviews with officials familiar with the documents."

Comey's leak of the memo regarding former national security adviser Michael Flynn was unauthorized and comparable to WikiLeaks.

~ U.S. Department of Justice federal court brief



