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## House Republicans Refer Michael Cohen for Criminal Prosecution

Last month, former Trump attorney Michael Cohen admitted that he lied under oath to Congress during a February 2019 deposition. During the deposition, Cohen told the Congressional committee he was not instructed by Trump to inflate his net worth. Trump attorney Alina Habba [questioned Cohen during cross examination](#) on his February 2019 statements back in October during the ongoing New York civil-fraud trial. Habba asked, “So you lied under oath in February of 2019? Is that your testimony?” [Cohen admitted](#), “Yes.”



Representatives Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) and Mike Turner (R-Ohio) [sent a criminal referral to the DOJ today](#). Stefanik [posted on X](#), “The Biden Justice Department must take off its partisan blinders and investigate disgraced fraudster and disbarred attorney Michael Cohen, a felon previously convicted for lying to Congress, who just admitted to lying again to Congress.”

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Michael Cohen

In December 2018, Cohen was convicted for lying to Congress in 2018 and was sentenced to three years in federal prison and a \$50,000 fine. Cohen [completed his sentence](#) in November 2021.



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