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FBI Seeks Interview With “Seditious Six” for “Illegal Order” Video, as Retired Officers Denounce Kelly

The fallout has continued for far-left Democrat Senator Mark Kelly of Arizona, who participated in the seditious video in which he and five colleagues importuned members of the military to disobey orders they deem illegal.

The FBI is looking to interview what are now called the Seditious Six. More retired officers are now denouncing Kelly, who might be recalled to active duty to face a court martial for causing insubordination in the ranks, or worse, mutiny.

Kelly even came under fire for not displaying his decorations properly on his uniform in an X reply to War Secretary Pete Hegseth.



AP Images
Mark Kelly

NEW: The FBI is currently scheduling interviews with the “Seditious Six” Democratic senators over their videos suggesting members of the military defy orders they deem illegal. pic.twitter.com/ArDAU91KBm

— E X X [A L E R T S (@ExxAlerts) [November 25, 2025](#)

The Video and Replies

Kelly’s possible recall to active duty began when he, [CIA Democrat](#) Senator Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, and four others importuned service members [to disobey](#) orders they, the service members, judged “illegal.”

The six claimed that servicemen “must refuse illegal orders” because “no one has to carry out orders that violate the law or our Constitution.”

BREAKING: Elected Democrats just released a video encouraging members of the military to commit treason and DEFY orders from Trump and Hegseth pic.twitter.com/Sm4calnccR

— Libs of TikTok (@libsoftiktok) [November 18, 2025](#)

The video invited fury from President Trump, [who accused](#) the six of sedition and wrote that it is “punishable by death.”

Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer, a former Marine, [wrote on Substack](#) that the Seditious Six are confusing rank and file service members.

The War Department then warned that Kelly could be in big trouble.

Noting it had received “serious allegations” against Kelly, the department cited [18 U.S. Code 2387](#) —



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“activities affecting armed forces generally.” That code applies to anyone who

advises, counsels, urges, or in any manner causes or attempts to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty by any member of the [military or naval forces of the United States](#); or [who] distributes or attempts to distribute any written or printed matter which advises, counsels, or urges insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, or refusal of duty by any member of the military or naval forces of the United States.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT:

The Department of War has received serious allegations of misconduct against Captain Mark Kelly, USN (Ret.). In accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 688, and other applicable regulations, a thorough review of these allegations...

— Department of War ☐☐ (@DeptofWar) [November 24, 2025](#)

FBI Seeks Interview

Now, the matter has escalated.

The FBI has requested interviews with the six, news reports revealed today. A source in the Justice Department [told Reuters](#) that the interviews “were to determine ‘if there’s any wrongdoing, and then go from there.’”

Slotkin, who confessed she didn’t have any evidence that Trump has issued illegal orders, denounced the move despite the video’s obvious implication.

Elissa Slotkin ADMITS Democrats lied about President Trump issuing illegal orders to the military:

ABC: "Do you believe President Trump has issued any illegal orders?"

SLOTKIN: "To my knowledge I am not aware of things that are illegal."
pic.twitter.com/63F8AHkK7E

— RNC Research (@RNCResearch) [November 23, 2025](#)

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— Sen. Elissa Slotkin (@SenatorSlotkin) [November 25, 2025](#)

“Last night, the FBI’s Counterterrorism Division appeared to open an inquiry into me in response to a video President Trump did not like,” Slotkin wrote on X:



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The President directing the FBI to target us is exactly why we made this video in the first place. He believes in weaponizing the federal government against his perceived enemies and does not believe laws apply to him or his Cabinet. He uses legal harassment as an intimidation tactic to scare people out of speaking up.

This isn't just about a video. This is not the America I know, and I'm not going to let this next step from the FBI stop me from speaking up for my country and our Constitution.

For his part, Kelly said he's a combat veteran and won't be intimidated.

"Donald Trump can try to intimidate me, but it's not going to work," he wrote on X over video of the same message:

My job is to defend the Constitution and hold any president accountable.

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— Senator Mark Kelly (@SenMarkKelly) [November 25, 2025](#)

Other Former Officers Respond

Maybe, but other former high-ranking officers aren't happy with Kelly's participation in the seditious video. [Buzz Patterson](#), former Air Force military aide to President Bill Clinton, denounced Kelly in no uncertain terms. Patterson said he is "appalled."

"They are violating and they're politically using their positions to undercut the command of President Donald J. Trump and they're circumventing the chain of command," the retired lieutenant colonel said. "Prosecutions are warranted and legitimate," he continued.

And, he predicted, because the Seditious Six "violated the military chain of command, people are gonna die." As did Meyer, Patterson noted that the six are asking rank-and-file enlisted personnel to risk their careers. Patterson said he is "outraged," and fears what happens to young soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines if they follow the Democrats' advice.

As a career Air Force veteran, combat pilot, and former Air Force Military Aide to President Bill Clinton, my personal statement about Democrats and the Sedition Six.

pic.twitter.com/6RAzmnwCJ1

— Buzz Patterson (@BuzzPatterson) [November 25, 2025](#)

My message about the Seditious 6 calling for mass insubordination against the orders of [@realDonaldTrump](#) by America's military members. I agree with [@SecWar](#) that retired Navy CAPTAIN Mark Kelly should be investigated under Article 94 of the UCMJ.

pic.twitter.com/WQkpzYACdS

— Rob Maness (@RobManess) [November 24, 2025](#)

Retired Air Force Colonel Rob Maness, now a radio talker, said Kelly trespassed Article 94 of the



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Uniformed Code of Military Justice, which is also covered in [10 U.S. Code 894](#), mutiny or sedition.

Because Kelly, “who is their leader, didn’t specify an [illegal] order ... their video’s a call to mass insubordination, the destruction of the authority of the commander-in-chief, and those appointed by him.”

“They had recently been questioned as to what the unlawful order was and can’t name one,” he said.

Both men agreed with Hegseth, who roasted Kelly for improperly displaying his decorations in an X post.

“So ‘Captain’ Kelly, not only did your sedition video intentionally undercut good order & discipline...but you can’t even display your uniform correctly,” he wrote on X:

Your medals are out of order & rows reversed. When/if you are recalled to active duty, it’ll start with a uniform inspection.

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Your medals are out of order & rows reversed. When/if you are recalled to active duty, it’ll start with a uniform inspection. <https://t.co/rsSyrPcmbg>

— Pete Hegseth (@PeteHegseth) [November 25, 2025](#)

Captain Mark Kelly’s medal rack on his white uniform violates US Navy regulations in multiple ways:

– ****Wrong order of precedence****: Higher awards (e.g., Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross) should be on the wearer’s right (viewer’s left)....

— Samuel Whittemore (@SamuelWhittem14) [November 25, 2025](#)

Another observer, rank and service, if any, unknown, explained the defects in the medal display at length:

- Wrong order of precedence
- Uneven, staggered rows
- Good Conduct Medal isolated below the pocket
- Overall sloppy appearance

Navy regulations “demand strict precedence from right to left, even rows, and no strays,” the post avers:

Kelly’s display, while perhaps intentional for a viral photo, is unmistakably incorrect by uniform standards.



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