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Turley, Greenwald: Comey Indictment Is Karma Considering His Past

The two-count federal indictment of disgraced former FBI chief James Comey for making false statements to Congress and obstruction of justice is vague and just two pages.

The indictment doesn't explain what the false statements were, but they are related to his denying that he authorized leaks to the news media.

Whatever those details, however, Comey is getting his comeuppance, George Washington University law Professor Jonathan Turley wrote. Comey hit former National Security Advisor and retired General Michael Flynn with the same charges during the first Trump administration, and did so unethically.

So it was karma, Turley concluded, that Comey is getting the same treatment. Lawyer-journalist Glenn Greenwald said much the same thing.



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James Comey



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Here is my column in the New York Post on the indictment of James Comey, who became the first former FBI Director to be indicted for a federal crime. That is likely the only fact upon which you will receive anything close to agreement in the country...



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The Indictment

A federal grand jury [indicted Comey yesterday](#) after former White House lawyer Lindsey Halligan, [recently appointed](#) U.S. attorney in Virginia's Eastern District, appeared before the grand jury.

The far-left, hate-Trump media fumed that Halligan has no experience as a prosecutor and appeared before the grand jury alone, and also fretted that President Donald Trump pushed U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi to start prosecuting Comey and other targets.



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Pam: I have reviewed over 30 statements and posts saying that, essentially, "same old story as last time, all talk, no action. Nothing is being done. What about Comey, Adam "Shifty" Schiff, Leticia??? They're all guilty as hell, but nothing is going to be done." Then we almost [Show more](#)

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Thus, the prosecution is "political."

Today, Trump slammed Comey.

"Whether you like Corrupt James Comey or not, and I can't imagine too many people liking him, HE LIED!" Trump wrote on X:

It is not a complex lie, it's a very simple, but IMPORTANT one. There is no way he can explain his way out of it. He is a Dirty Cop, and always has been, but he was just assigned a Crooked Joe Biden appointed Judge, so he's off to a very good start.

Politics aside, the [indictment alleges](#) that Comey



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did willfully and knowingly make a materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statement in a matter within the jurisdiction of the legislative branch of the Government of the United States, by falsely stating to a U.S. Senator during a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing that he, JAMES B. COMEY JR., had not “authorized someone else at the FBI to be an anonymous source in news reports” regarding an FBI investigation concerning PERSON 1.

There followed an obstruction-of-justice charge in making the false statement.

Unclear is exactly what false statements Comey made. For instance, as [The New American reported](#), citing Just the News, declassified documents from an FBI probe into leaked classified information show that Comey hired Columbia University law Professor Daniel Richman to peddle pro-Comey material to *The New York Times*. As well, the documents show that Comey offered the bureau’s “official assistance” to the newspaper.

Comey is also known [to have fibbed](#) in Senate testimony, along with other top officials, about whether the [bogus Steele dossier](#) was used in the final Intelligence Community Assessment about Trump’s so-called collusion with Russia to win the 2016 election. [Top officials knew](#) that Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign, with her approval, concocted the collusion yarn.

Independent reporter Catherine Herridge believes the indictment is purposely vague.

“Based on my two decades covering @fbi @TheJusticeDept a thin indictment suggests a holding charge with the potential of a more complex, superseding indictment that adds more charges,” she wrote on X:

This is not only possible, but plausible in Comey’s case based on the recently declassified FBI leak investigations via @FBI Director Kash codenamed “ARCTIC HAZE.”

The “ARCTIC HAZE” records reveal several FBI senior leaders and Columbia Law Professor Daniel Richman said they coordinated media leaks at Comey’s direction.

James Rybicki — former FBI Chief of Staff

James Baker — former FBI General Counsel

Andrew McCabe — former Deputy Director

Daniel Richman — Columbia Law Professor



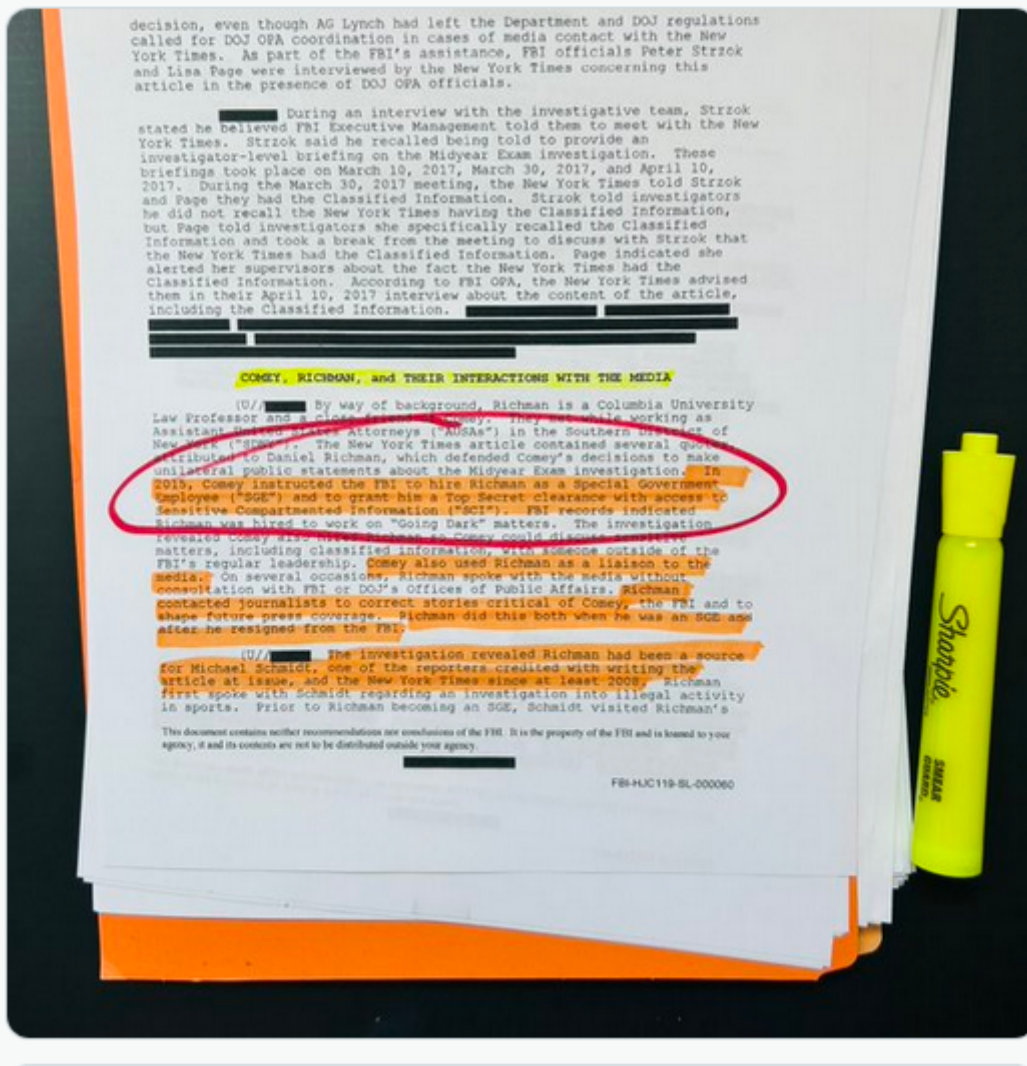
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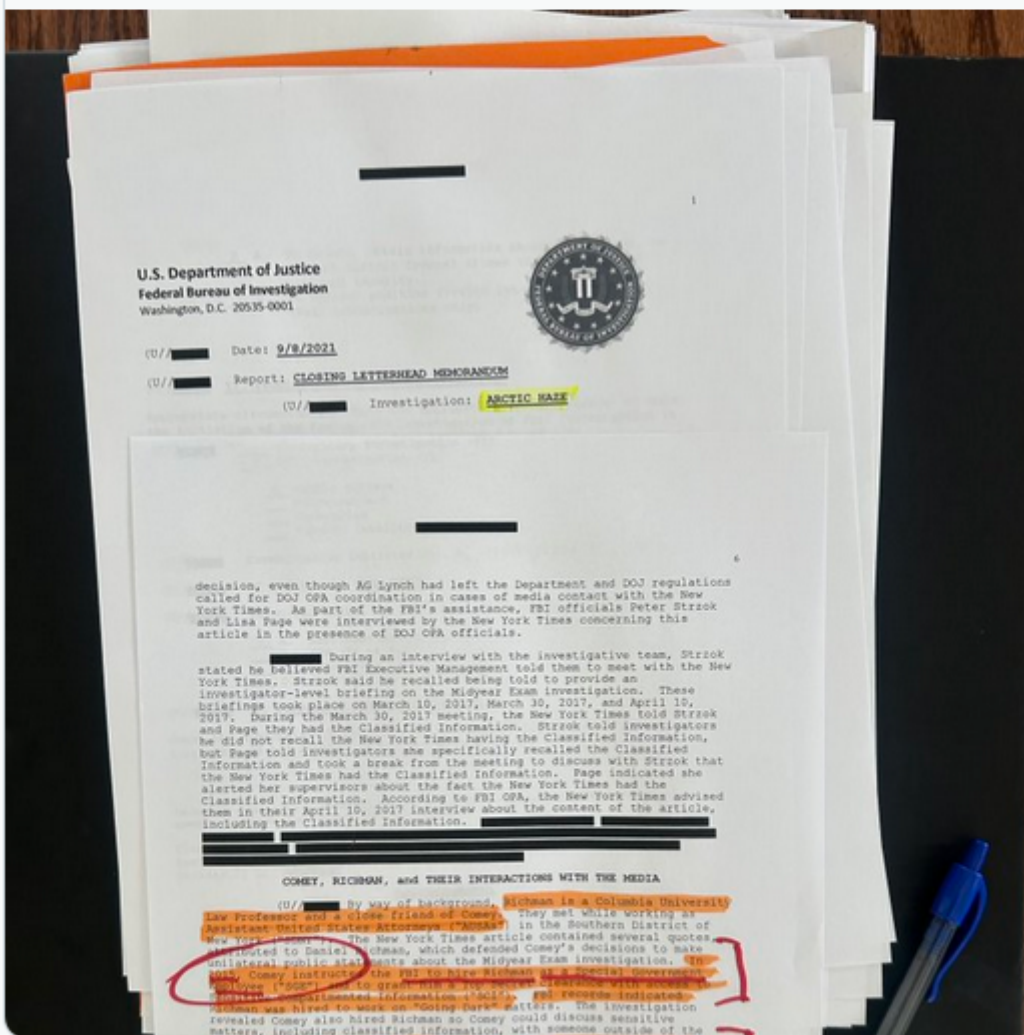
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I understand the indictment was ready to go.

I am told "all the evidence was there," not a "shaky" criminal case as characterized some media reporting.

Critics of former US Attorney Erik Siebert allege he was "blocking" or "slow walking" the charges.



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Turley's Take

Whatever the case, Turley noted that Comey is an oily character who's getting what he dished out to others.

"Comey is hardly the pristine model of 'ethical leadership' that he described in his book," [Turley wrote](#):



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Putting aside his critical role in the Russian collusion investigation, Comey tossed aside even the pretense of ethics after Trump fired him.

The Inspector General, Michael Horowitz, issued a scathing report that found Comey was a leaker and had violated FBI policy in his handling of FBI memos. On his way out of the Bureau, Comey stole FBI materials, including those containing the “code name and true identity” of a sensitive source.

While he did not find that he disclosed the classified information, Horowitz found that Comey took “the unauthorized disclosure of sensitive investigative information, obtained during the course of FBI employment, in order to achieve a personally desired outcome.” He further added that Comey “set a dangerous example for the over 35,000 current FBI employees — and the many thousands of more former FBI employees — who similarly have access to or knowledge of non-public information.”

Noting the Comey-Richman collaboration, Turley observed that former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe said that Comey told him to leak to the media, an accusation Comey denied. Former FBI General Counsel James Baker said much the same thing: Comey told me to leak.

Former National Security Advisor Flynn will watch the trial closely, [Turley wrote](#), and with good reason:

Comey is facing two counts of making false statements and obstructing a congressional proceeding. The first count under [18 U.S.C. 1001 \(a\)\(2\)](#) is the exact charge that Comey engineered against Flynn.

Comey gave a book tour where he thrilled audiences about how he secured a criminal charge against Flynn for making false statements. In one event, an audience cheered as Comey took credit for the controversial charge. He explained that what he did was not exactly proper. It was, he explained, “something we’ve, I probably wouldn’t have done or maybe gotten away with in a more organized investigation, a more organized administration. ... I thought, ‘It’s early enough, let’s just send a couple of guys over.’”

The actual agents who interviewed Flynn did not believe that he intentionally lied about a meeting with Russian diplomats, but Comey and his investigators pushed for charges anyway. They drained Flynn of resources, threatened to indict his son, and ultimately secured a guilty plea.

Turley predicted an acquittal because Comey will get a far-left, hate-Trump jury.



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...For some, the two-count indictment is a long-overdue accountability for a man who pushed through the now-debunked Russian collusion investigation. For others, it is another abuse on President Donald Trump's revenge tour...



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...There is one individual who is likely to be watching with particular interest and perhaps satisfaction: former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn. The first count under 18 U.S.C. 1001 (a)(2) is the exact charge that Comey engineered against Flynn.

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Martha Stewart

On his *System Update* podcast, Glenn Greenwald explained how Comey railroaded celebrity “living” entrepreneur Martha Stewart to jail — again on the same charges he faces, making false statements and obstruction by making them.

“Essentially, the charge was that despite being worth close to a billion dollars ... she sold stock in a company the day before it basically imploded, and it saved her or made her about \$40,000, which as she kept insisting was essentially pocket change to her,” Greenwald observed.

Indeed, Stewart didn’t trade the stock. Her broker did when she was on vacation. Comey, Greenwald continued, had the chance to torpedo a wealthy person. “And she wasn’t actually even charged with insider trading,” he continued:

She was charged with, and this is why it’s ironic, making false statements to investigators about the investigation. So he had this investigation, couldn’t prove that she did insider trading, and so resorted instead to indicting her on making false statements to investigators and therefore obstructing justice.

Michael Flynn

Other accounts of the case don’t sound that benign, but in any case the Flynn case was worse, Greenwald said. In 2016, the incoming national security advisor did what he was supposed to do by



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calling his counterparts in other governments to introduce himself. That included Russian officials. But at the time, Comey was running the probe into Trump's "Russia collusion."

Flynn called the Russian ambassador and other officials, Greenwald observed, to say that "once we get into office, we want to see if we can smooth over relations and get along better." The conversation was "benign" and "justifiable," Greenwald said.

But unbeknownst to Flynn, Comey's FBI and the National Security Agency "were eavesdropping on that call ... and so they knew exactly what Michael Flynn said on the call."

Two months later, Greenwald explained, the FBI called Flynn in for a chat. Flynn, "you know, thought he'd done nothing wrong and he was happy to talk to the FBI."

But because Flynn's "recollection wasn't perfect," Greenwald continued, "the FBI said, 'Oh, we caught you in a lie. We caught you making false statements to us, the investigators. You didn't recount the call exactly as we know it happened because we were listening and we have the transcript.'"

Officials told Flynn that if he didn't plead guilty to making false statements, they would indict his son.

"But that was Jim Comey using exactly these kind of tactics, saying, 'we can't prove you actually committed an underlying crime, so we're going to charge you with making false statements.'"



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I've carefully reviewed the Comey indictment and related gov't documents (and [@JudicialWatch](#)'s significant investigative finds concerning Comey's misconduct uncovered through federal FOIA lawsuits). A fair trial ought to result in conviction.





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Comey the Hero?

As for Comey, [he is playing](#) the hero.



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“My family and I have known for years that there are costs to standing up to Donald Trump,” [he said](#) in a video:

But we couldn’t imagine ourselves living any other way. We will not live on our knees, and you shouldn’t either. ...

My heart is broken for the Department of Justice, but I have great confidence in the federal judicial system. And I’m innocent. So let’s have a trial.



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