

Dismissed: Trump Fires Scandal Plagued FBI Director James Comey - What Does It Mean?

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US President Donald Trump has accepted a recommendation to 'dismiss' FBI director James Comey. Was this a reprisal for the suddenly widened [Russia-gate probe](#) into the White House or was there something else at play within the [operations](#) of the deep state?

Comey was at the center of a political controversy over much of the last year during the US presidential election cycle in 2016, and well into 2017. Throughout 2016, the former FBI director opened, closed and [reopened](#) (only to close again) a probe into Hillary Clinton, her email server and looking into accusations leveled at the Clinton Foundation, while also entertaining a dubious *Russian probe* into the Trump administration alleged 'connections to Russia' that helped mine various stories, including a so-called '[dossier](#)' regarding the newly elected president in early 2017.

In recent years, there have been many highly questionable actions under Comey's leadership at the FBI, such as the Orlando nightclub shooting incident – who's main suspect was [previously interviewed by the FBI](#), as well as a [highly questionable 'ISIS inspired' shooting event](#) in Garland, Texas linked to an FBI informant case run out of Phoenix, Arizona, and the federal agency's dramatic [encroachment on public privacy](#) following a suspicious San Bernardino mass shooting. *These are only just a few examples...*

[Grabien News](#) highlights a list of scandals that were either attached to Comey or perpetuated under his watch:

"Here are 10 of Comey's biggest embarrassments at the FBI:

1. Before he bombed the Boston Marathon, the [FBI interviewed Tamerlan Tsarnaev](#) but let him go. Russia sent the Obama Administration a second warning, but the FBI opted against investigating him again.
2. Shortly after the NSA scandal exploded in 2013, the FBI was exposed conducting its own data mining on innocent Americans; the agency, [Bloomberg reported](#), retains that material for decades (even if no wrongdoing is found).
3. The FBI [had possession](#) of emails sent by Nidal Hasan saying he wanted to kill his fellow soldiers to protect the Taliban — but didn't intervene, leading many critics to argue the tragedy that resulted in the death of 31 Americans at Fort Hood could have been prevented.
4. During the Obama Administration, the [FBI claimed](#) that two private jets were being used primarily for counterterrorism, when in fact they were mostly being used for Eric Holder and Robert Mueller's business and personal travel.

5. When the FBI demanded Apple create a “backdoor” that would allow law enforcement agencies to unlock the cell phones of various suspects, the company refused, sparking a battle between the feds and America’s biggest tech company. What makes this incident indicative of Comey’s questionable management of the agency is that a) The FBI jumped the gun, as they were indeed ultimately able to crack the San Bernardino terrorist’s phone, and b) Almost every other major national security figure sided with Apple (from former CIA Director [General Petraeus](#) to former CIA Director [James Woolsey](#) to former director of the NSA, General [Michael Hayden](#)), warning that such a “crack” would inevitably wind up in the wrong hands.
6. In 2015, the FBI conducted a [controversial raid](#) on a Texas political meeting, finger printing, photographing, and seizing phones from attendees (some in the group believe in restoring Texas as an independent constitutional republic).
7. During its investigation into Hillary Clinton’s mishandling of classified material, the FBI made [an unusual deal](#) in which Clinton aides were both given immunity and allowed to destroy their laptops.
8. The father of the radical Islamist who detonated a backpack bomb in New York City in 2016 alerted the FBI to his son’s radicalization. The FBI, however, [cleared Ahmad Khan Rahami](#) after a brief interview.
9. The FBI also investigated the terrorist who killed 49 people and wounded 53 more at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Fla. Despite a more than 10-month investigation of Omar Mateen — during which Mateen admitting lying to agents — the FBI opted against pressing further and closed its case.
10. [CBS recently reported](#) that when two terrorists sought to kill Americans attending the “Draw Muhammad” event in Garland, Texas, the FBI not only had an understanding an attack was coming, but actually had an undercover agent traveling with the Islamists, Elton Simpson and Nadir Soofi. The FBI has refused to comment on why the agent on the scene did not intervene during the attack.”

It’s important to remember that Comey is not the only FBI director who bears responsibility for the controversial aspects of 2013’s Boston Bombing. Under FBI director [Robert Mueller](#) “*Tamerlan Tsarnaev came to the attention of the FBI on at least two occasions*” prior to allegedly being involved in what many researchers have described as a [false flag](#) terror event in Boston. A questionable event that has arguably been used as a pretext to further clamp down on individual rights in the US.

We should also be reminded that the FBI has been routinely [caught foiling their very own](#) ‘terror plots’ over the past several years.

In recent years, the investigative tactics of various intelligence agencies have come into question, none perhaps more dubious than the Newburgh FBI sting that involved entrapping four men to participate in a fabricated event created by the bureau. Here’s a 2011 [passage from The Guardian](#) describing how an FBI informant named Shahed Hussain coerced four others into a fake terror plot:

“The “Newburgh Four” now languish in jail. Hussain does not. For Hussain was a fake. In fact, Hussain worked for the FBI as an informant trawling mosques in hope of picking up radicals.

Yet far from being active militants, the four men he attracted were

impoverished individuals struggling with Newburgh's grim epidemic of crack, drug crime and poverty. One had mental issues so severe his apartment contained bottles of his own urine. He also believed Florida was a foreign country.

Hussain offered the men huge financial inducements to carry out the plot - including \$250,000 to one man - and free holidays and expensive cars.

As defence lawyers poured through the evidence, the Newburgh Four came to represent the most extreme form of a controversial FBI policy to use invented terrorist plots to lure targets. "There has been no case as egregious as this. It is unique in the incentive the government provided. A quarter million dollars?" said Professor Karen Greenberg, a terrorism expert at Fordham University."

The reputation of the FBI has suffered greatly in the recent past as well as over the past couple of decades. Incidentally, the FBI is on record as 'handling' Emad A. Salem, a former Egyptian army officer who was a prized undercover operative thrust into confidential informant status and person who played a key role in the 1993 WTC bombing.

All of this has happened under the watchful eye of the FBI...



'SWORN-IN' - FBI director James Comey sworn in by former DOJ head Eric Holder. (Image Source: [thewhitehousespin](#))

Over last summer, *21WIRE* observed some curious connections between the Clinton Foundation and FBI director [James Comey](#), as well as his questionable handling of other cases related to the Clinton family. Here's the following passage to consider in light of the new information related to the Clinton investigation:

"Many will also be unaware that before Comey was installed by the Obama Administration as FBI Director, he was on the board of Director at HSBC Bank - [a bank implicated in international money laundering](#), including the laundering of billions on behalf of international drugs and narcotics trafficking cartels. [Forbes](#) also points out where Comey was also at the key choke-point during the case involving dodgy auditor KPMG which followed on by the HSBC criminal case:

"If Comey, and his boss Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, had made a different decision about KPMG back in 2005, KPMG would not have been around to miss all the illegal acts HSBC and [Standard Chartered SCBFF +%](#) were committing on its watch. [Bloomberg reported in 2007](#) that back in June of 2005, Comey was the man thrust into the position of deciding whether KPMG would live or die for its criminal tax shelter violations."

Is this just a surface effort by the White House to clean the slate for an agency perpetually embroiled in controversy?

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Trump fires FBI Director James Comey

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President Donald Trump has fired FBI Director James Comey at the recommendation of US Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, according to a White House announcement.

“The FBI is one of our Nation’s most cherished and respected institutions and today will mark a new beginning for our crown jewel of law enforcement,” said President Trump.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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Statement from the Press Secretary

Today, President Donald J. Trump informed FBI Director James Comey that he has been terminated and removed from office. President Trump acted based on the clear recommendations of both Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

“The FBI is one of our Nation’s most cherished and respected institutions and today will mark a new beginning for our crown jewel of law enforcement,” said President Trump.

“While I greatly appreciate you informing me, on three separate occasions, that I am not under investigation, I nevertheless concur with the judgment of the Department of Justice that you are not able to effectively lead the Bureau,” Trump told Comey in a letter.

The letter announcing the termination was hand-delivered to FBI headquarters by Keith Schiller, a Trump security aide, according to several reports citing a White House official.

A search for a new permanent FBI Director will begin immediately.

The firing of Comey comes days after he testified to Congress on investigations into alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 US election.

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