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Fusion GPS Paid Top DOJ Official's Wife To Dig Up Dirt On Trump

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Court documents reveal the opposition research firm that put together a dossier filled with wild, unsubstantiated claims about Donald Trump hired the spouse of a newly demoted Justice Department official to dig up dirt on Trump.

Glenn Simpson, co-founder of Fusion GPS — the infamous firm behind the dossier compiled by former British spy Christopher Steele — stated in a court declaration that his firm hired Nellie H. Ohr as a subcontractor to help with "research and analysis of Mr. Trump," <u>according to Chuck Ross at The Daily Caller</u>. Nellie H. Ohr is married to Bruce G. Ohr, who was associate deputy attorney general at the DOJ until he was recently demoted.

The timing of Bruce Ohr's demotion is curious, as he retained his status as a top DOJ official until just <u>before Fox News broke the story</u> about his wife's role at Fusion GPS and his own secret meetings with Steele and Simpson in 2016.

<u>CNN has reported</u> that the FBI used the Steele dossier as a justification to wiretap a Trump associate, Carter Page. <u>Last week, news broke</u> that Peter Strzok, a top FBI official who was involved in the ongoing probe into whether Trump or his associates colluded with Russian officials to steal the 2016 election from Hillary Clinton, was dismissed after it was discovered he had exhibited an anti-Trump bias. Strzok was demoted last July for text messages railing against Trump that he sent to a woman he was allegedly having an affair with. You can read some of these text messages <u>here</u>.

In one such text message, Strzok makes an apparent reference to Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe, <u>CNN reported.</u>

'I want to believe the path you threw out for consideration in Andy's office' — an apparent reference to Deputy FBI Director Andrew McCabe — 'that there's no way he gets elected — but I'm afraid we can't take that risk. It's like an insurance policy in the unlikely event you die before you're 40 ' Page does not appear to have responded, according to records reviewed by CNN.

McCabe was scheduled to testify before House intelligence committee members on Tuesday about the ongoing probe into Trump 's associates, but <u>cancelled just after the news broke</u> that Bruce Ohr's wife was paid to investigate Trump for Fusion GPS. <u>As *The Wall Street Journal* has reported</u>, McCabe's wife, Jill McCabe, received nearly \$500,000 in campaign support from a political action committee controlled by Terry McAuliffe — Democratic Virginia governor and longtime friend to the Clintons — in 2015.