

# **EVERY DOJ BEAT JOURNALIST FAILS TO MENTION A DOZEN JUDGES APPROVED OF 1512 CHARGE FOR JANUARY 6**

CNN didn't mention it.

WSJ didn't mention it. (Update: they now have.)

WaPo didn't mention it (though it did break the news that Ed Martin says he'll be appointed DC USAO). (Update: They've now added it.)

NBC didn't mention it in a piece focusing on the firing of Trump investigators.

None of these outlets – among others – mentioned that every single DC District Judge approved the use of 18 USC 1512(c)(2) for January 6, and only Carl Nichols required that it include an evidentiary component (the stance ultimately adopted by SCOTUS).

1. Dabney Friedrich, December 10, 2021, Sandlin\*
2. Amit Mehta, December 20, 2021, Caldwell\*
3. James Boasberg, December 21, 2021, Mostofsky
4. Tim Kelly, December 28, 2021, Nordean; May 9, 2022, Hughes (by minute order), rejecting Miller
5. Randolph Moss, December 28, 2021, Montgomery
6. Beryl Howell, January 21, 2022, DeCarlo

7. John Bates, February 1, 2022, McHugh; May 2, 2022 [on reconsideration]
8. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, February 9, 2022, Grider
9. Richard Leon (by minute order), February 24, 2022, Costianes; May 26, 2022, Fitzsimons (post-Miller)
10. Christopher Cooper, February 25, 2022, Robertson
11. Rudolph Contreras, announced March 8, released March 14, Andries
12. Paul Friedman, March 19, Puma
13. Thomas Hogan, March 30, Sargent (opinion forthcoming)
14. Trevor McFadden, May 6, Hale-Cusanelli
15. Royce Lamberth, May 25, Bingert

None of these outlets mentioned DC Circuit approved the application.

None mentioned that when SCOTUS required an evidentiary component, they left open the possibility that the fake elector certificates would justify the application.

DOJ just launched an investigation into prosecutors who applied a law in a way approved by over a dozen judges, at least four of them Trump appointees.

Update: On Xitter, an influential propagandist, Julie Kelly, wondered who first applied the 18 USC 1512(c)(2) statute, claiming that Matthew Graves, who is Black, was too stupid to have done so.

I guess she didn't consider basic rules of physics, which say that a guy confirmed in October 2021 could not have made the decision to charge (just as one example) Proud Boys Nicholas Ochs and DeCarlo with 1512 on February 4, 2021.

Update: 18 USC 1512(c)(2) was charged at least as early as January 11, 2021, with Jacob Chansley. Ed Martin is going to have to investigate Donald Trump! (Or at the very least, Michael Sherwin. He does not want to investigate Michael Sherwin, trust me on this.)