

On February 10, 2021, during the second Senate impeachment trial of President Donald J. Trump, Representative Eric Swalwell, the House impeachment manager, introduced a tweet ostensibly obtained from the Twitter Account of Jennifer Lynn Lawrence, which stated, "It has been an honor to stand up and fight for you in our nation. We will be standing strong on January 6 in DC with you. We are bringing the Calvary, Mr. President." Ms. Lawrence subsequently admitted that she did post the tweet, with the word "Calvary" being a reference to a prayer vigil organized by churchgoers supporting Trump and not a call for military-like violence at the Capitol riot as portrayed by Rep. Swalwell. However, despite the fact that Representative Swalwell presented the United States Senate with a verified representation of Ms. Lawrence's tweet, Ms. Lawrence has indicated that she does not utilize a verified Twitter account. Such accounts are identified by a blue check mark and, according to Twitter, "let[] people know that an account of public interest is authentic. To receive the blue badge, your account must be authentic, notable, and active." <https://help.twitter.com/en/managing-your-account/about-twitter-verified-accounts>. Given that Representative Swalwell presented the Senate with a purportedly verified Twitter posting obtained from Ms. Lawrence's account when Ms. Lawrence does not have a verified Twitter account, it is apparent that Representative Swalwell introduced evidence during the impeachment hearing that was falsified and/or fabricated.

18 U.S. Code § 1519, "Destruction, alteration, or falsification of records in Federal investigations and bankruptcy", provides, in pertinent part, that "Whoever knowingly alters, destroys, mutilates, conceals, covers up, falsifies, or makes a false entry in any record, document, or tangible object with the intent to impede, obstruct, or influence the investigation or proper administration of any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States...or in relation to or contemplation of any such matter or case, shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both." It appears Representative Swalwell may have violated 18 U.S. Code § 1519 by presenting the United States Senate with a fabricated verified Twitter posting. As a concerned and aggrieved citizen of the United States, I respectfully request that Representative Swalwell be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

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