

Crumbling Conviction

Key moments in the Ted Stevens case.

July 30, 2007

FBI raids Girdwood, Alaska, home of Sen. Ted Stevens.

July 29, 2008

Prosecutors announce seven-count indictment against Stevens charging false statements.

Sept. 25, 2008

Stevens trial kicks off with opening statements in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Oct. 3, 2008

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan says prosecutors violated their obligation to turn over evidence to the defense.

Oct. 8, 2008

Judge Sullivan blasts government lawyers for knowingly presenting false evidence to jurors—financial records related to renovation work at the Stevens home in Alaska. The judge also said government lawyers intentionally withheld evidence—a copy of a check—from the defense team.

Oct. 27, 2008

Stevens is convicted on all counts.

Jan. 14, 2009

Judge Sullivan orders then-Attorney General Michael Mukasey to produce internal Justice documents about an FBI whistle-blower complaint filed a month earlier.

Feb. 13, 2009

Judge Sullivan finds three Justice lawyers in contempt for failing to follow two court orders to produce documents to Stevens' lawyers.

April 1, 2009

Attorney General Eric Holder Jr. says Justice Department will seek to have charges and verdict thrown out against Stevens.