

# *U.S. Justice Department charges ex-Twitter employees; California investigates Facebook*

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Washington, November 7 (RHC)-- The U.S. Department of Justice has charged two former Twitter employees with spying for Saudi Arabia by accessing private user data and giving it to Saudi officials in exchange for payment. The charges were unveiled in San Francisco, and one Twitter employee, Ahmad Abouammo, has already been arrested.

Meanwhile, California has sued Facebook for documents related to California's investigation into Facebook's privacy policies. California's investigation into Facebook began last year following the revelations that voter-profiling company Cambridge Analytica harvested the data of more than 50 million Facebook users, without their permission, in efforts to sway voters to support President Donald Trump.

Facebook has also paid the Federal Trade Commission \$5 billion to settle a case over Facebook's data sharing with Cambridge Analytica.



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