

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Your affiant, [REDACTED], is a Pennsylvania State Trooper assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force out of FBI Philadelphia, Scranton-Resident Agency. In my duties as a Task Force Officer, I am assigned to investigate both foreign and domestic terrorism as well as other radical groups. Currently, I am tasked with investigating criminal activity in and around the Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021. As a Task Force Officer I am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws.

The U.S. Capitol is secured 24 hours a day by U.S. Capitol Police. Restrictions around the U.S. Capitol include permanent and temporary security barriers and posts manned by U.S. Capitol Police. Only authorized people with appropriate identification were allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was also closed to members of the public.

On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the United States Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C. During the joint session, elected members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate were meeting in separate chambers of the United States Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020 Presidential Election, which had taken place on November 3, 2020. The joint session began at approximately 1:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter, by approximately 1:30 p.m., the House and Senate adjourned to separate chambers to resolve a particular objection. Vice President Mike Pence was present and presiding, first in the joint session, and then in the Senate chamber.

As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President Mike Pence present and presiding over the Senate, a large crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol. As noted above, temporary and permanent barricades were in place around the exterior of the U.S. Capitol building, and U.S. Capitol Police were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol building and the proceedings underway inside.

At such time, the certification proceedings were still underway and the exterior doors and windows of the U.S. Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the U.S. Capitol Police attempted to maintain order and keep the crowd from entering the Capitol; however, around 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts.

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 2:20 p.m. members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, including the President of the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, the joint session of the United States Congress was effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the sessions resumed.

During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there.

Law enforcement identified phone number XXX-XXX-5532 as having pinged off towers inside the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. Based on location data, the person holding the device was suspected of unlawfully entering the US Capitol. The subscriber of the cell phone was found to be a person believed to be the husband of Esvetlana CRAMER (CRAMER). The address of the phone subscriber comes back to a residence in Harveys Lake, PA, which is also the address of CRAMER. CRAMER's Pennsylvania Driver's License indicated she resided there as well.

A review of open source, body camera, and U.S. Capitol surveillance (CCTV) videos confirmed the presence of CRAMER along with Steven Boyd BARBER (BARBER) at and inside the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021. A review of the Pennsylvania Driver License for BARBER indicated he resides in Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania.

On January 6, 2021, CRAMER wore an American flag style long sleeve shirt and a red white and blue stocking cap over a blue baseball cap. She also wore a scarf covering her face at times. BARBER wore a black jacket and pants with a red "Make America Great Again" baseball cap and a blue Trump flag. See Image 1.



Image 1 from Redux Pictures

CCTV captured CRAMER and BARBER entering the U.S. Capitol building at approximately 2:43 pm through the Rotunda Door. See Image 3 (CRAMER circled in red; BARBER in yellow).

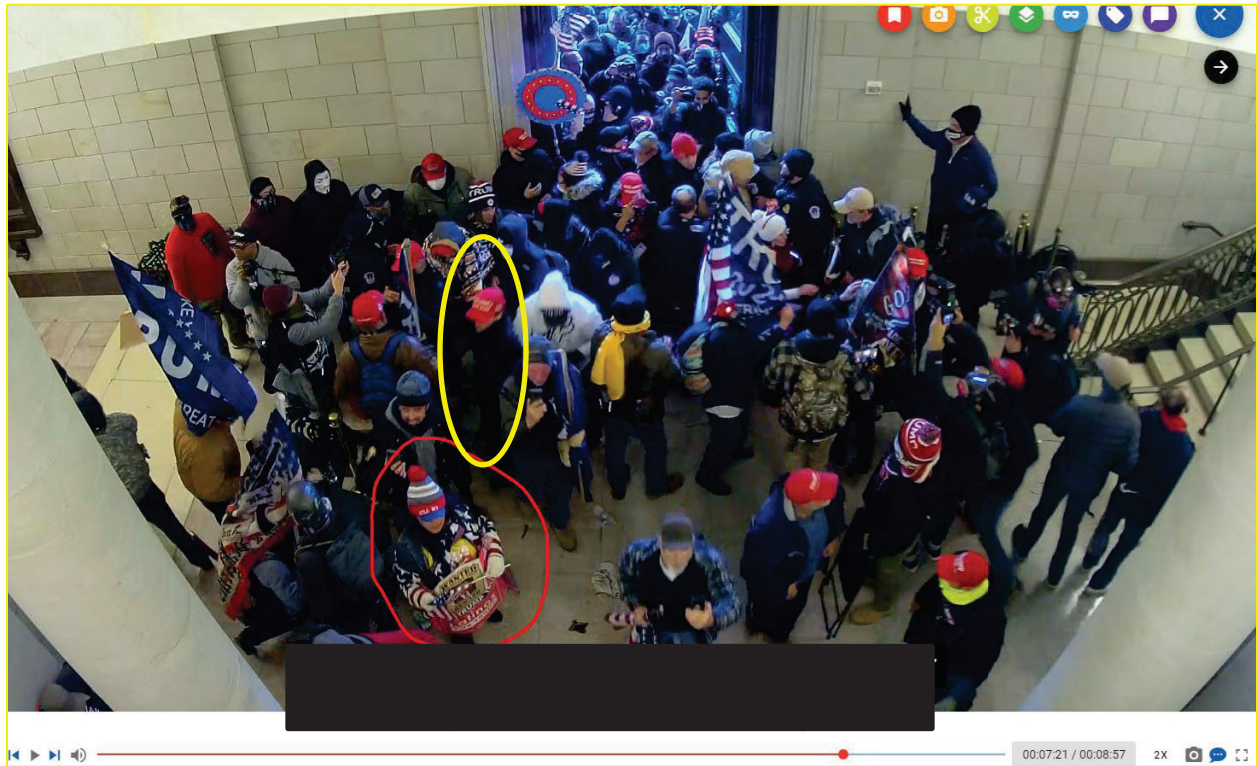


Image 2

CRAMER and BARBER traveled further into the Capitol. While at and inside the Captiol, CRAMER can be seen carrying a “Latinos for Trump” sign. See image 3.



Trump supporter Connie Cramer, of Harveys Lake, holds her sign as she waits to depart for Washington, D.C. at the Park & Ride in Pittston Township early Wednesday morning, January 6, 2021. BILL TARUTIS / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER
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Image 3 – From Times Leader

CRAMER and BARBER then entered the Rotunda, where she took photos. See Image 4.

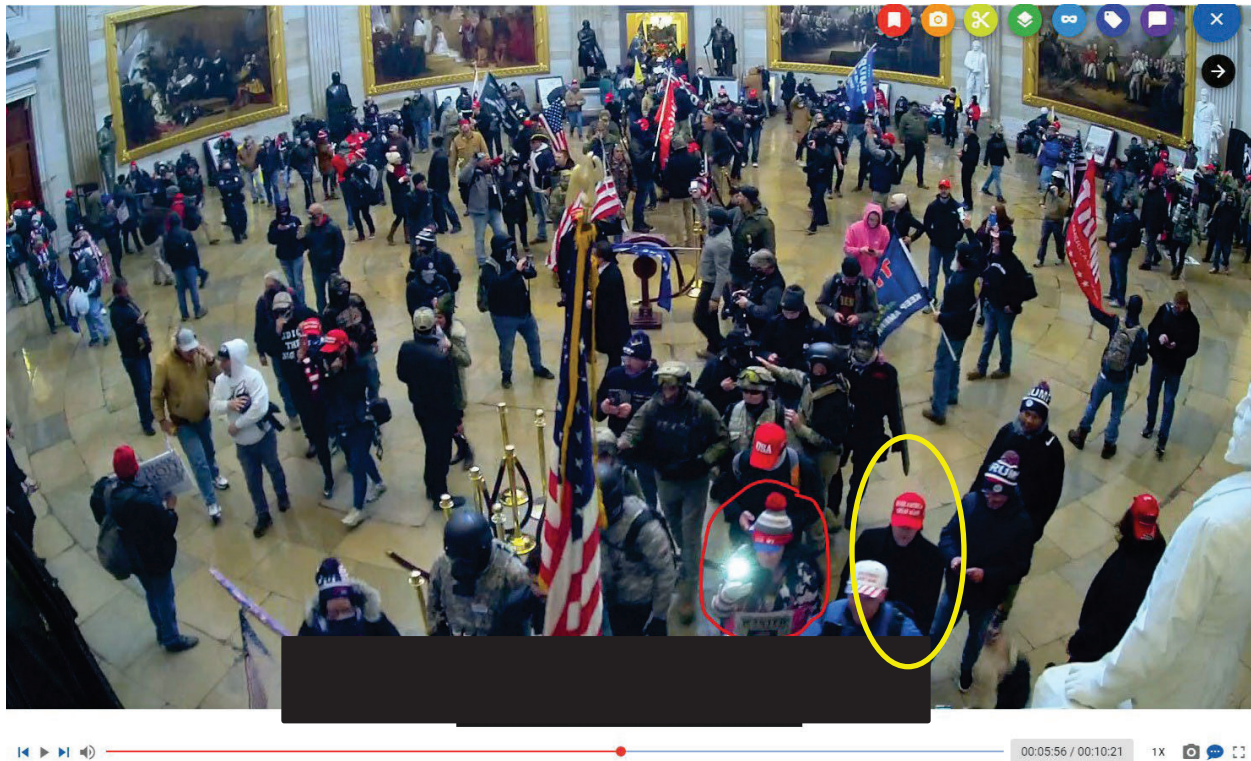


Image 4

CRAMER and BARBER remained in the Rotunda moving through it. See Image 5.



Image 5

CRAMER and BARBER walked back towards the Rotunda door at approximately 3:12 p.m. See Image 6.

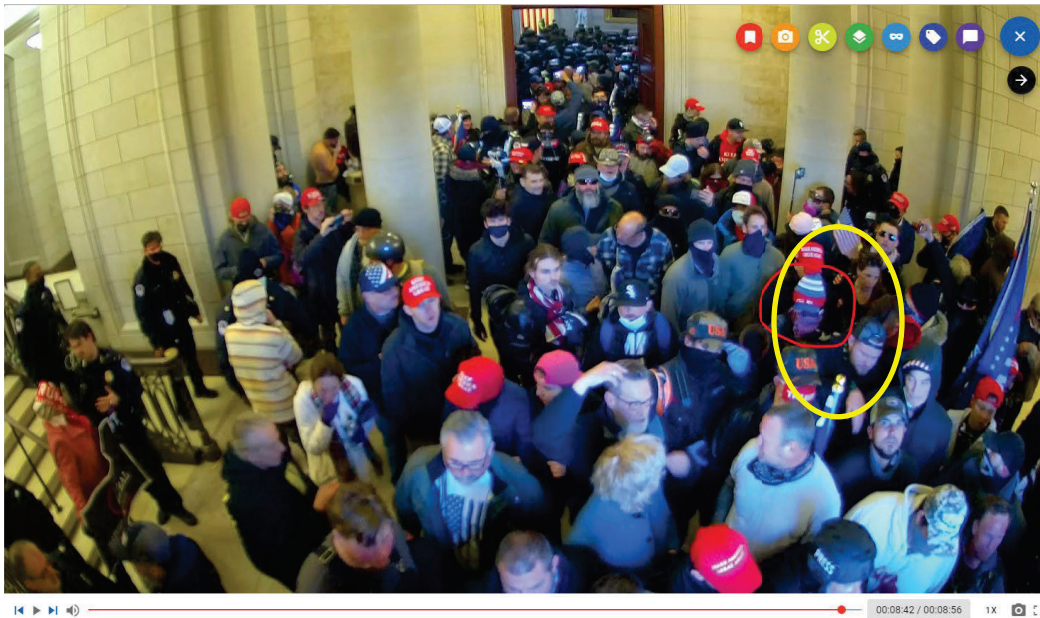


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CRAMER and BARBER then exited the U.S Capitol building through the Rotunda door at approximately 3:13 p.m. See Images 6 and 7.

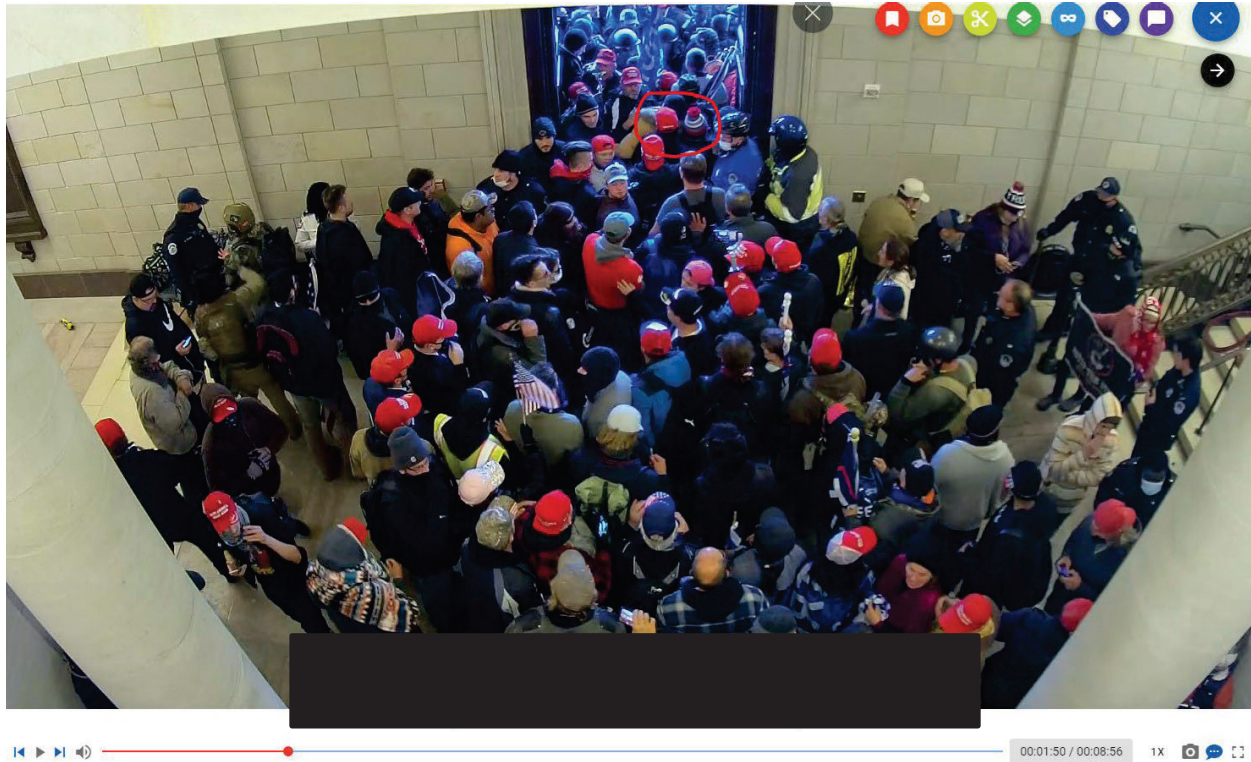


Image 7 - (circled in Red)

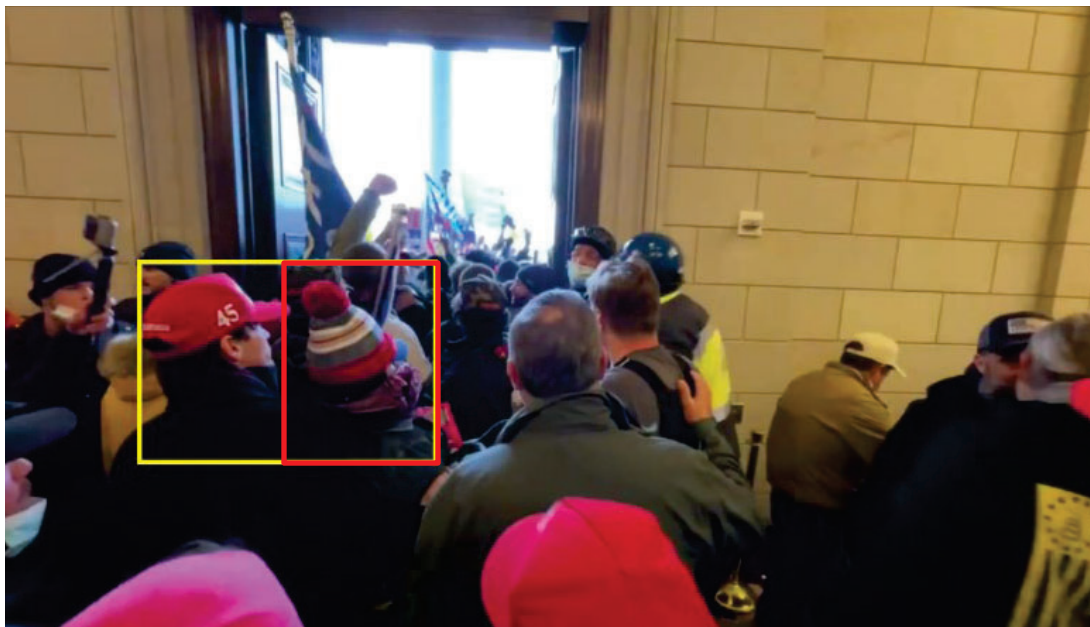


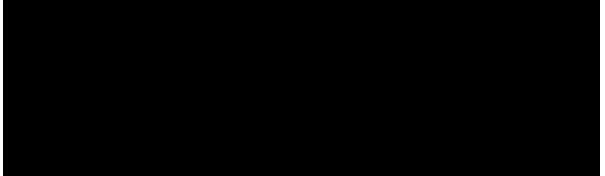
Image 7

On June 30, 2021 CRAMER was interviewed by law enforcement at her residence in Harveys Lake, PA. During the interview, CRAMER confirmed she owned telephone number ending in 5532 and was present at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021. She traveled to Washington DC with BARBER on a bus. CRAMER admitted she entered the Capitol building during the events of January 6. CRAMER was inside the Capitol building for approximately an hour. Based on the CCTV video compared to my personal interaction with CRAMER, she appears to be the same person in the pictures herein.

BARBER was interviewed at his residence in Tunkhannock, PA. BARBER admitted he was at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, but claimed he did nothing illegal or wrong. BARBER declined to speak relative to this case any further and ended the interview at that time. Based on the CCTV video compared to my personal interaction with BARBER, he appears to be the same person in the pictures herein.

Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that CRAMER and BARBER violated 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), which makes it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do; and (2) knowingly, and with intent to impede or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions, engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct in, or within such proximity to, any restricted building or grounds when, or so that, such conduct, in fact, impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions; or attempts or conspires to do so. For purposes of Section 1752 of Title 18, a “restricted building” includes a posted, cordoned off, or otherwise restricted area of a building or grounds where the President or other person protected by the Secret Service, including the Vice President, is or will be temporarily visiting; or any building or grounds so restricted in conjunction with an event designated as a special event of national significance.

Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that CRAMER and BARBER violated 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)&(G), which makes it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct, at any place in the Grounds or in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress or either House of Congress, or the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before, or any deliberations of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress; and (G) parade, demonstrate, or picket in any of the Capitol Buildings.



Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 25th day of July 2023.



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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE