

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Holding a Criminal Term**

**Grand Jury Sworn in on January 8, 2021**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**JOSEPH W. FISCHER,**

**Defendant.**

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 : **CASE NO. 21-CR-234-CJN**  
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 : **VIOLATIONS:**  
 : **18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)**  
 : **(Civil Disorder)**  
 : **18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1), 2**  
 : **(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding**  
 : **Certain Officers)**  
 : **18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2**  
 : **(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding)**  
 : **18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)**  
 : **(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted**  
 : **Building or Grounds)**  
 : **18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)**  
 : **(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a**  
 : **Restricted Building or Grounds)**  
 : **40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)**  
 : **(Disorderly Conduct in**  
 : **a Capitol Building)**  
 : **40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)**  
 : **(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in**  
 : **a Capitol Building)**

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer, lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his/her official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way and degree obstructed, delayed,

and adversely affected commerce and the movement of any article and commodity in commerce and the conduct and performance of any federally protected function.

**(Civil Disorder, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 231(a)(3))**

**COUNT TWO**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, did forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with, an officer and employee of the United States, and of any branch of the United States Government (including any member of the uniformed services), and any person assisting such an officer and employee that is, officers from the United States Capitol Police and Metropolitan Police Department while such person was engaged in and on account of the performance of official duties, and where the acts in violation of this section involve physical contact with the victim and the intent to commit another felony.

**(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 111(a)(1) and 2)**

**COUNT THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding before Congress, specifically, Congress's certification of the Electoral College vote as set out in the Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and 3 U.S.C. §§ 15-18.

**(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2) and 2)**

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, did unlawfully and knowingly enter and remain in a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its

grounds, where the Vice President was temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1))**

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, did knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, engage in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President was temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2))**

**COUNT SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, and disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress and either House of Congress, and the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before or any deliberation of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress.

**(Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(D))**

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH W. FISCHER**, willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, and picketed in any United States Capitol Building.

**(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G))

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

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