

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Columbia

United States of America
v.
Andrew Jackson Morgan, Jr.
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Case: 1:21-mj-00352
Assigned to: Judge Meriweather, Robin M.
Assign Date: 4/2/2021
Description: COMPLAINT W/ARREST WARRANT

1:21-MJ-261-SH

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 6, 2021 in the county of in the
in the District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

- 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2)- Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or Grounds Without Lawful Authority,
40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2) (D) and (G) - Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds,
18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2) - Obstruction of and Official Proceeding,
18 U.S.C. § 2 Aided and Abetted.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached statement of facts.

Continued on the attached sheet.

[Redacted signature]

Complainant's signature

[Redacted name], Special Agent

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone.

Date: 04/02/2021

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Judge's signature

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Robin M. Meriweather, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Your affiant, [REDACTED], is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I am assigned to the Central Texas Joint Terrorism Task Force. In my duties as a special agent, I have led arrests on subjects with known racially motivated violent extremist tendencies, as well as those with militia-based ideologies. I have authored search warrant and arrest warrant affidavits, and participated in the execution of such warrants, leading to the seizure of controlled substances, firearms, records, cellular telephones, and other evidence. Additionally, I have conducted interviews and interrogations of individuals ranging from victims to violent gang members. I have also participated in investigations of those with links to domestic terrorism. I am experienced in the methods used by homegrown violent extremists (HVEs), among others, to socially engineer and manipulate the unsuspecting in order to achieve their goals. Currently, I am also tasked with investigating criminal activity in and around the Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021. As a Special Agent, I am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detention, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws.

Unless otherwise stated, the information in this Affidavit is either personally known to me, has been provided to me by other individuals, or is based on a review of various documents, records, and reports. Because this Affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to support an application for an arrest warrant, it does not contain every fact known by me or the United States. The dates listed in this Affidavit should be read as “on or about” dates.

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, shortly 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.

As detailed below, during the course of the investigation into the events of January 6, 2021, law enforcement learned that **ANDREW JACKSON MORGAN, JR. (MORGAN)** of Maxwell, Texas traveled to the District of Columbia to participate in a rally and protest at the U.S. Capitol and gained entry inside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

On or about January 19, 2021, a report was filed on the FBI tip line referencing a video maintained on Archive.org. The link to this video was <https://archive.org/details/capitol-eviction-notice-opart-2>". A review of this video depicts a male, claiming the name of "Andrew" of "Austin, Texas" and his involvement in the riots at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. As discussed below, I have identified this person as **MORGAN**. In the above described video, **MORGAN**, while filming other protestors, can be heard encouraging them to make entry into one of the U.S. Capitol entrances. All of **MORGAN's** statements, yelling, conduct, and encouragement is shown in **MORGAN's** aforementioned self-recorded video "capitol-eviction-notice-opart-2." The references, with following screen shots show the approximate place, with time stamp, in **MORGAN's** video where the conduct and/or statements are made. Early in the video, **MORGAN** points to the crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol Building and screams words to the effect that we want into our house. *See* Figure One.



*Figure One*

A short time later, **MORGAN** can be heard yelling words to the effect of “I want my bullet and goin in my house” as he makes his way up a wide stone railing. *See Figure Two.*



*Figure Two*

Once entry is made onto the steps, tunnel, and entryway of the U.S. Capitol by **MORGAN**, **MORGAN**, makes temporary entry into the U.S. Capitol but the protestors are met by U.S. Capitol police officers in riot gear and pushed back out of the entrance into the tunnel leading to the entrance. Thereafter, a stand-off occurs between the U.S. Capitol police officers and the protestors wherein the protestors, amongst other actions, attempt to push back into the entrance, attempt to strike the officers with batons, and utilize riot shields against the officers. During the course of the stand-off, **MORGAN** can be heard encouraging the other protestors in their attempts to make re-entry. **MORGAN** can be heard encouraging the crowd to take over the building saying "I want that door right there," "I want my bullet! Give me my bullet! Give me my tear gas" as he walks towards the west tunnel entrance. *See Figure Three and Four.*

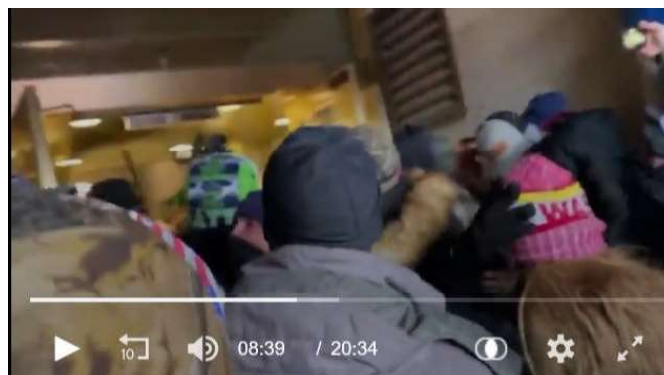


*Figure Three*



*Figure Four*

At one point when the rioters are pushed back, **MORGAN** can be heard yelling we need more people. See [capitol-eviction-notice-opart-2](#), at approximately 8:39 Figure Five.



*Figure Five*

At another point, **MORGAN** yells words to the effect of “send helmets forward” when rioters are fighting with law-enforcement. *See* Figure Six.



*Figure Six*

At another point, **MORGAN** states words to the effect of “what’s happening is – is that people are pushing in - getting their bullet – crack on the head . . rotating.” *See* Figure Seven.



*Figure Seven*

At another point, **MORGAN** states words to the effect of “fresh people-fresh people, are we in?” *See* Figure Eight.



*Figure Eight*

At one point, **MORGAN** turns the camera and takes a video of himself during this event. He is wearing a "Harley Davidson" beanie, gray or black jacket, large frame prescription glasses, a lanyard with a "media" card, and an ear bud. The reporting party to the FBI tip line noted that Andrew Morgan (**MORGAN**) a.k.a. Political Trance Tribune, phone number 512-649-5109, filmed and originally uploaded the above video before he made it private.



*Figure Nine*

I have fully identified "Andrew" of "Austin, Texas" as Andrew Jackson **MORGAN**, Jr., who resides in Maxwell, TX. Maxwell is located just east of San Marcos, TX. **MORGAN** is the content creator of a You Tube video channel called "Political Trance Tribune." In addition, a review of available records such as a motor vehicle photograph and other identifying information, records, and photographs confirms that the individual filming the above-referenced footage at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 is **MORGAN**. Your affiant was able to view the video titled "capitol-eviction-notice-opart-2" on a publicly accessible website. In a review of the videos uploaded by **MORGAN** on You Tube, he presents himself as a law enforcement "auditor" and will routinely video tape police officers as they are conducting traffic stops and/or other law enforcement duties in the public.

On March 10, 2021, your affiant participated in the execution of a search warrant at **MORGAN**'s residence in Maxwell, Texas. **MORGAN** said that he would tell the Agents "his story" as he had already posted "his story" on YouTube for the benefit of the FBI. **MORGAN** said that he went to Washington D.C. for the events of January 6, 2021 because "something unprecedented" was going to occur. **MORGAN** wanted to cover the events because he is an independent journalist and a civil rights auditor.

**MORGAN** was shown a picture of himself with the Capitol in the background. **MORGAN** stated this was him near the Capitol and he is wearing a Harley Davidson skull cap and press access lanyard. He obtained his press card from another civil rights auditor in Michigan who runs a group called the Michigan Constitutional Crusader. He was shown a second picture of himself with his hand on his mouth. He stated this picture was him near the archway of the Capitol when the crowd pushed up against him and shoved him into the wall.

**MORGAN** identified the above-referenced video footage as footage he recorded and uploaded. **MORGAN** stated he can be heard yelling send helmets forward at one point in the video, but he is repeating this after someone else yells it. He said he was wearing his press card so people know who he is. **MORGAN** noted that at about 17:49 on the video he can be heard saying, "Are we in?" and there is a good picture of the guy with the white/gray hair who he claims appeared to be in charge.

**MORGAN** reiterated he was there as a "chameleon." He said he wishes now that he had not said the things that he did, but just filmed the events. **MORGAN** said that he is concerned that the government has been hijacked. He is concerned why Mike Lindell's video about election fraud was banned. He is like-minded with the Founder's of the country and with QAnon. He has come to realize that the people in power keep power through child pedophilia. They use child pedophilia to control the masses.

Officer Brandon Hughes of the Conroe Police Department was also interviewed and identified **MORGAN** as the man depicted in the video. Officer Hughes recently had contact with **MORGAN**. Shown photos of **MORGAN** at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, Officer Hughes said "Yes sir. I recognize that person to be Andrew Morgan."

FBI agents also spoke with **MORGAN**'s wife. FBI agents showed **MORGAN**'s wife a sanitized photograph depicting **MORGAN** in the west tunnel of the U.S. Capitol, Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021. **MORGAN**'s wife confirmed **MORGAN**'s identity in the photograph. She said that **MORGAN** drove to the Capitol with a group of political YouTube auditors. She said they sometimes refer to themselves as independent patriots.

Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that **ANDREW JACKSON MORGAN, JR.** violated 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(1) and (2), which make it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do so; 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, 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 **ANDREW JACKSON MORGAN, JR.** violated 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), which make it a crime to corruptly (2) otherwise obstruct, influence, or impede any official proceeding, or attempts to do so.

Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that **ANDREW JACKSON MORGAN, JR.** violated 40 U.S.C. §§ 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G), which make it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) 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.

Finally, your affiant submits that there is also probable cause to believe that **ANDREW JACKSON MORGAN, JR.** aided and abetted the above-referenced offenses in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2.

  
SPECIAL AGENT, FBI

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2021.

  
HON. ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE