

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

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on May 25, 2021

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | : | CRIMINAL NO. |
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| v. | : | MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-097 |
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| WILLIAM WATSON, | : | VIOLATIONS: |
| | : | 18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2 |
| Defendant. | : | (Obstruction of an Official Proceeding) |
| | : | 18 U.S.C. §§ 1361, 2 |
| | : | (Destruction of Government Property) |
| | : | 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) |
| | : | (Entering and Remaining in a Restricted |
| | : | Building or Grounds with a Deadly or |
| | : | Dangerous Weapon) |
| | : | 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A) |
| | : | (Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a |
| | : | Restricted Building or Grounds with a |
| | : | Deadly or Dangerous Weapon) |
| | : | 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A) |
| | : | (Engaging in Physical Violence in a |
| | : | Restricted Building or Grounds with a |
| | : | Deadly or Dangerous Weapon) |
| | : | 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) |
| | : | (Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building) |
| | : | 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(F) |
| | : | (Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol |
| | : | Grounds or Buildings) |
| | : | 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 and elsewhere, **WILLIAM WATSON**, 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 TWO

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, did willfully injure and commit depredation against property of the United States, and of any department and agency thereof, and any property which has been and is being manufactured and constructed for the United States, and any department or agency thereof, that is a window, causing damage in an amount more than \$1000.

(Destruction of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1361 and 2)

COUNT THREE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, did 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a oleoresin capsicum spray.

(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT FOUR

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a oleoresin capsicum spray.

(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT FIVE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, did knowingly, engage in any act of physical violence against any person and property 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a oleoresin capsicum spray.

(Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT SIX

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct within the United States

Capitol Grounds and 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, **WILLIAM WATSON**, willfully and knowingly engaged in an act of physical violence within the United States Capitol Grounds and any of the Capitol Buildings.

(Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol Grounds or Buildings, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(F))

COUNT EIGHT

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **WILLIAM WATSON**, 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.

Channing D. Phillips *sc*
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and for the District of Columbia.