

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Case No: 1:21-cr-00729-RBW
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	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)
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v.	:	
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BRENT JOHN HOLDRIDGE,	:	
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Defendant.	:	
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STATEMENT OF OFFENSE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the defendant, Brent John HOLDRIDGE, with the concurrence of his attorney, agree and stipulate to the below factual basis for the defendant’s guilty plea—that is, if this case were to proceed to trial, the parties stipulate that the United States could prove the below facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

The Attack at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

1. The U.S. Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C., 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 are allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol.

2. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was closed to members of the public.

however, shortly after 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of law enforcement, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts. The riot resulted in substantial damage to the U.S. Capitol, requiring the expenditure of more than \$1.4 million dollars for repairs.

7. 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 Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, all proceedings of the United States Congress, including the joint session, were effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. the same day. In light of the dangerous circumstances caused by the unlawful entry to the U.S. Capitol, including the danger posed by individuals who had entered the U.S. Capitol without any security screening or weapons check, Congressional proceedings could not resume until after every unauthorized occupant had left the U.S. Capitol, and the building had been confirmed secured. The proceedings resumed at approximately 8:00 p.m. after the building had been secured. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

HOLDRIDGE's Participation in the January 6, 2021, Capitol Riot

8. On January 6, 2021, the defendant arrived at the U.S. Capitol from the west side and observed the plastic fencing and barricades erected on the Capitol Grounds, as well as law enforcement officers dressed in full riot gear. The defendant nevertheless entered the Capitol Grounds and at one point climbed atop the railing at the north exterior staircase to the Upper West Terrace and waved a flag bearing the "Punisher" logo for several minutes while other rioters scaled the concrete wall and climbed over the railing directly at his feet. After making his way up the staircase, the defendant entered the Capitol Building without authority, through the

Senate Fire Door, and spent several minutes in a hallway in the Senate Wing and sitting in the Parliamentarian's office, while both locations were crowded with rioters. In total, the defendant spent approximately ten minutes inside the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021.

9. The defendant willfully and knowingly entered the U.S. Capitol Building knowing that that he did not have permission to do so. Defendant further admits that while inside the Capitol, defendant willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, or picketed.

Respectfully submitted,

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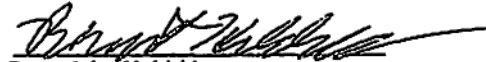
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DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Brent John Holdridge, have read this Statement of the Offense and have discussed it with my attorney. I fully understand this Statement of the Offense. I agree and acknowledge by my signature that this Statement of the Offense is true and accurate. I do this voluntarily and of my own free will. No threats have been made to me nor am I under the influence of anything that could impede my ability to understand this Statement of the Offense fully.


Date: 7-14-22


Brent John Holdridge
Defendant

ATTORNEY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read this Statement of the Offense and have reviewed it with my client fully. I concur in my client's desire to adopt this Statement of the Offense as true and accurate.

Date: 7/14/2022


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