

**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.

ELIAS COSTIANES,

Defendant.

CRIMINAL NO.

MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-00196

VIOLATIONS:

**18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2 (Obstruction of
Congress; Aiding and Abetting)**

**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)(B)
(Entering and Remaining in the Gallery of
Congress)**

**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 a
Capitol Building)**

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding

before Congress, by entering and remaining in the United States Capitol without authority and engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct.

(Obstruction of Congress and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2), 2)

COUNT TWO

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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 and Vice President-elect were 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 THREE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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.

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

COUNT FOUR

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** willfully and knowingly entered and remained in the gallery of either House of Congress, without authorization to do so.

(Entering and Remaining in the Gallery of Congress, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(B))

COUNT FIVE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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 SIX

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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.


Attorney of the United States in
and for the District of Columbia.