

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
v.)	No. 21-77-1 (RDM)
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MELODY STEELE SMITH,)	
)	
Defendant)	
_____)	

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY DEFENSE

Ms. Melody Steele Smith, through counsel, and pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 12.3, hereby gives notice that as to Counts Two, Three, Four, and Five, she may assert as a defense at trial that she was acting under actual or believed public authority at the time of the alleged offenses. Specifically, Ms. Smith submits that, on or about January 6, 2021, she believed she was authorized to engage in the conduct set forth in Counts Two through Five by Donald J. Trump and certain law enforcement officers at the Capitol on January 6, 2021.

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