

AO 442 (Rev. 11/11) Arrest Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

United States of America

v.

William B. Cotton

) Case: 1:22-mj-00265
) Assigned to: Judge Meriweather, Robin M.
) Assign Date: 12/6/2022
) Description: COMPLAINT W/ ARREST WARRANT
)
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Defendant

ARREST WARRANT

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay
 (name of person to be arrested) William B. Cotton,
 who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court:

- Indictment Superseding Indictment Information Superseding Information Complaint
 Probation Violation Petition Supervised Release Violation Petition Violation Notice Order of the Court

This offense is briefly described as follows:

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)(D)- Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building

40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)- Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building

Date: 12/06/2022



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Issuing officer's signature

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Robin M. Meriweather, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Return

This warrant was received on (date) 12/06/22, and the person was arrested on (date) 12/07/22
 at (city and state) Ashaway, Rhode Island

Date: 12/07/22



Arresting officer's signature

Madison Temple, Special Agent FBI
Printed name and title

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Case No. 22-mj-265DC case number

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Rob M. Meriweather


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DOB: XXXXXX)
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:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2), 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D), and 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G).

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:
See attached statement of facts.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Handwritten signature of Madison Temple

Complainant's signature

Madison Temple, 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: 12/06/2022

Handwritten signature of Robin M. Meriweather and official seal

2022.12.06
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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, Madison Taylor Temple, is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) with the Providence Resident Agency (RA) of the FBI Boston Division. Currently, I am 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, detection, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws.

I have served as a Special Agent with the FBI for approximately one year and four months. Among other duties, I am responsible for conducting national security investigations of potential violations of federal criminal law, specifically relating to domestic terrorism. Through on-the-job training and experience, I have become knowledgeable on the strategy, tactics, methods, ideology and practices of domestic terrorism and anti-government/anti-authority extremists.

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, 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

FACTS SPECIFIC TO WILLIAM B. COTTON

On December 6, 2021, an individual known to the FBI informed the Bureau of several pictures and one video located through open-source research that were taken on January 6, 2021 at the United States Capitol. This media depicts an individual they believed to be identified as WILLIAM B. COTTON (“COTTON”). COTTON was later confirmed to be the individual in this media. The pictures and video showcase COTTON standing and moving amongst a crowd inside the general area of the Senate Wing of the U.S. Capitol Building.

Trained personnel within the FBI compared the photograph from COTTON’s Rhode Island driver’s license to open-source media and U.S. Capitol closed-circuit television (CCTV) footage. The FBI compared COTTON’S image to the image of the individual captured in the riot footage, determining a likely match with the subject’s physical characteristics. The FBI believed it was a positive match and conducted additional investigative steps to corroborate COTTON’S identity and his involvement in the Capitol Riots.

The following are still frames from the Capitol Building’s CCTV system and an open-source photograph, which capture COTTON inside the Capitol near the Senate Wing Door Entrance. In these stills and the photograph, COTTON appears to be wearing a grey long sleeve shirt with “Bryant University” in yellow and white lettering, blue jeans, and glasses attached to a black eyewear retainer around his neck.



Figure 1



Figure 2

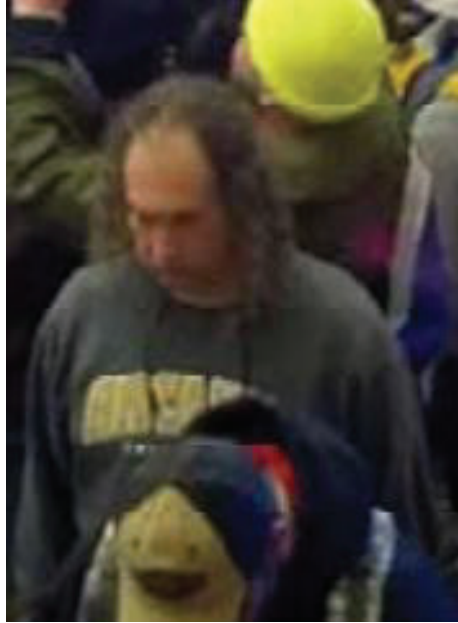


Figure 3



Figure 4¹

During the investigation, the FBI made contact with a third-party who has personal knowledge of COTTON. This individual was shown Figures 1 and 2 and was asked to identify the individual portrayed. The third-party positively identified COTTON as the individual shown in each still-shot.

Shortly before entering the Capitol Building, COTTON is visible, circled in yellow, in an open-source video standing in a large group of rioters on the West Terrace of the Capitol Grounds. (Figure 5). At approximately 2:51pm, COTTON entered through the Senate Wing

¹ <https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/news-photo/supporters-of-us-president-donald-trump-protest-inside-the-news-photo/1230728545>

Door behind a group of rioters that had just breached this entrance. (Figure 6). Once inside, he moved towards the center of the room where he stood and was observed making a phone call. (Figure 7). COTTON then turns his cell phone horizontally and appears to take either a photograph or video of the scene. (Figure 8).



Figure 5²

² https://ia904507.us.archive.org/15/items/DCRyx6RmiZGFRfQ9Y/FB_20210106_143942.mpeg4



Figure 6

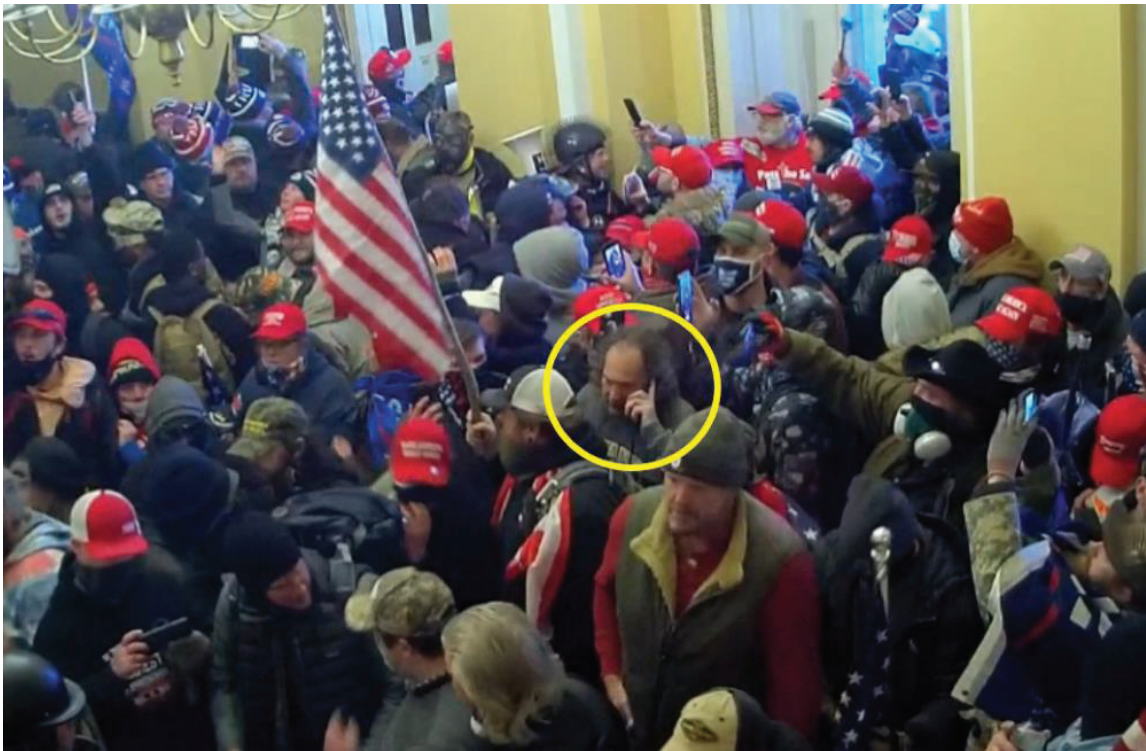


Figure 7



Figure 8

Then, at 2:55pm, COTTON appears to chant something along with the crowd. (Figure 9). An open-source video recorded by one of the participants in the crowd shows that COTTON was chanting “traitor.” (Figure 10).



Figure 9



Figure 10³

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f80ScBHnNRk>

COTTON remains standing in the Senate Wing Door area until approximately 3:01pm and then moves further into the center of the U.S. Capitol Building towards the Crypt. (Figure 11). COTTON reappears in the Senate Wing Door entrance room again at approximately 3:05pm where he stands until U.S. Capitol Police begin corralling everyone outside of the building at 3:16pm. (Figure 12). COTTON leaves through the Senate Wing Door at 3:17pm. (Figure 13).

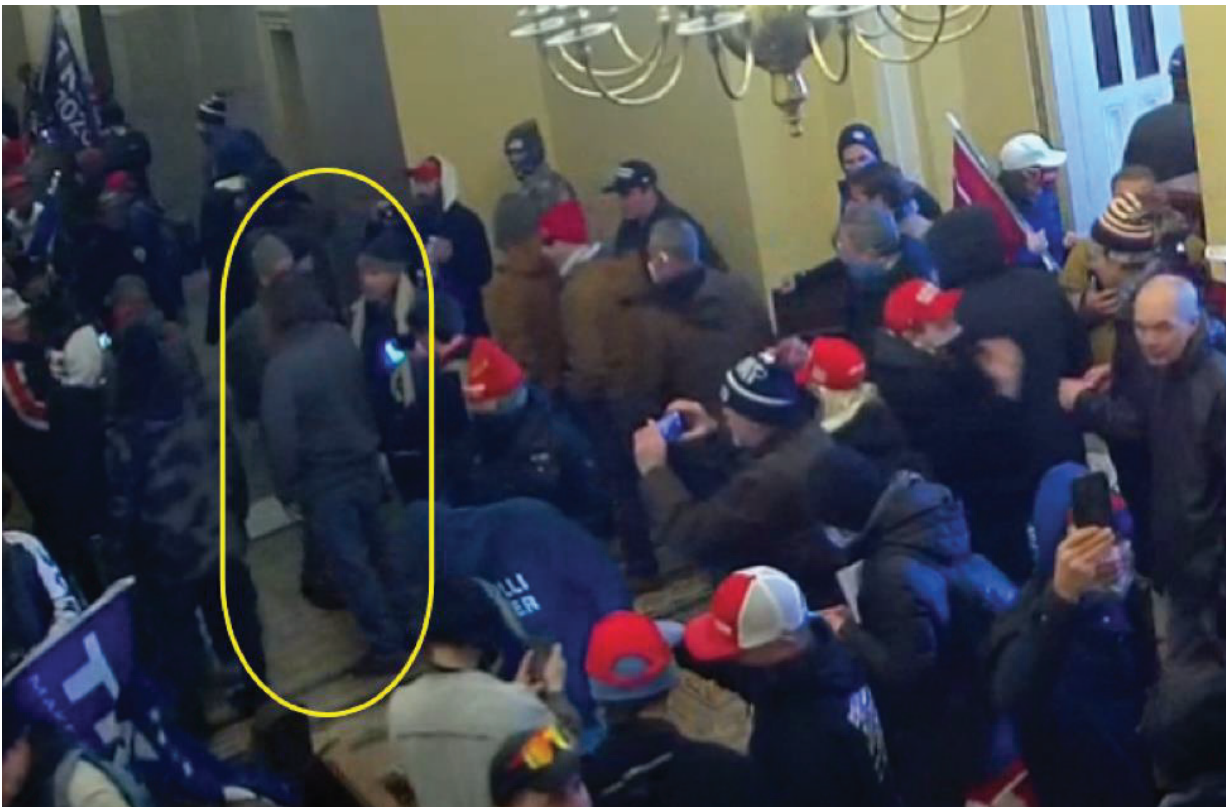


Figure 11



Figure 12

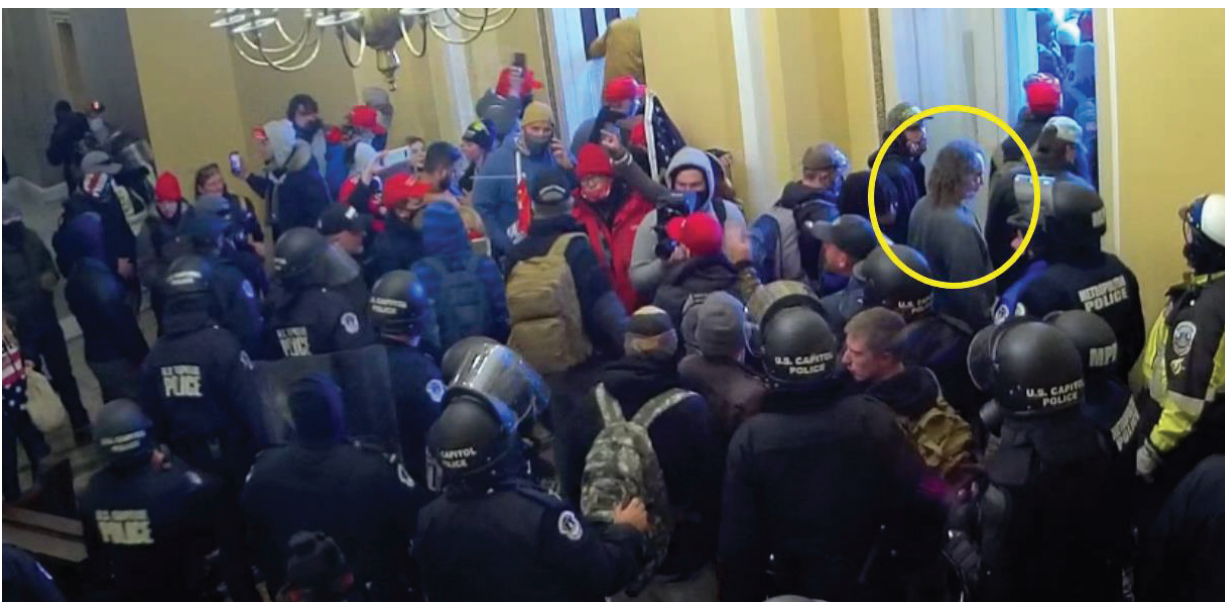


Figure 13

Additional Facts Supporting COTTON's Travel to Washington, DC

On February 28, 2022, the FBI received records through legal process to Verizon for a cell phone number ending in 4149, which is associated with COTTON. These records indicated that this number utilized cell sites consistent with providing service to a geographic area that included towns in New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. The following is an approximate timeframe of the cell site utilization in each state:

- January 5, 2021:
 - 1:15pm: One call made in Elizabeth, NJ
 - 2:21pm: One call made in Bordentown, NJ
 - 2:54pm: One call made in Matua, NJ

- January 6, 2021:
 - 10:15am: One call made in Adelphi, MD
 - 10:18am: One call made in Greenbelt, MD
 - 10:23am: One call made in College PA, MD
 - 10:33am-4:55pm: Nine calls made in Washington D.C.
 - 8:14pm-9:33pm: Four calls made in Towson, MD

- January 7, 2021:
 - 7:09am: One call made in Towson, MD
 - 8:04am: One call made in Columbia, PA
 - 8:12am: One call made in Wrightsville, PA
 - 9:53am: One call made in Allentown, PA
 - 10:20am: One call made in Bloomsbury, NJ
 - 12:05pm: One call made in Stamford, CT

These cell site hits within this timeframe are consistent with the user of the cell phone traveling south through New Jersey to Washington D.C., then back to New England from Washington D.C. at or near the conclusion of the insurrection.

Additionally, COTTON's associated vehicle, a silver 2011 Toyota Tundra with a Rhode Island license plate, was observed on license plate readers (LPR) from January 5, 2021 through January 7, 2021. The associated approximate timeframe is as follows:

- On January 5, 2021 the vehicle is observed traveling inbound on Alexander Hamilton Bridge in New York City at 12:53pm, at 12:55pm the vehicle is observed traveling southbound on George Washington Bridge in New York City, and at 3:57pm the vehicle is observed traveling southbound on Interstate 95 (I-95) in Perryville, Maryland.

- On January 6, 2021 the vehicle is observed traveling southbound on I-95 at 9:29am in Point Breeze, Maryland.

- On January 7, 2021 the vehicle is observed traveling northbound at 11:28am on George Washington Bridge and at 11:30am the vehicle is observed traveling outbound on Alexander Hamilton Bridge; both bridges are located in New York City.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that WILLIAM B. COTTON violated 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), which makes it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do; 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 of Title 18, 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 WILLIAM B. COTTON violated 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G), which makes it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or 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.

MADISON TEMPLE, FBI

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 6th day of December, 2022.

2022.12.06



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ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

AO 466A (Rev. 12/09) Waiver of Rule 5 & 5.1 Hearings (Complaint or Indictment)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

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Case No.

1:22MJ97LDA

Charging District's Case No.

22MJ245

WAIVER OF RULE 5 & 5.1 HEARINGS (Complaint or Indictment)

I understand that I have been charged in another district, the (name of other court) District of Columbia

I have been informed of the charges and of my rights to:

- (1) retain counsel or request the assignment of counsel if I am unable to retain counsel;
(2) an identity hearing to determine whether I am the person named in the charges;
(3) production of the warrant, a certified copy of the warrant, or a reliable electronic copy of either;
(4) a preliminary hearing within 14 days of my first appearance if I am in custody and 21 days otherwise — unless I am indicted — to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed;
(5) a hearing on any motion by the government for detention;
(6) request transfer of the proceedings to this district under Fed. R. Crim. P. 20, to plead guilty.

I agree to waive my right(s) to:

- [x] an identity hearing and production of the warrant.
[x] a preliminary hearing.
[] a detention hearing.
[] an identity hearing, production of the warrant, and any preliminary or detention hearing to which I may be entitled in this district. I request that those hearings be held in the prosecuting district, at a time set by that court.

I consent to the issuance of an order requiring my appearance in the prosecuting district where the charges are pending against me.

Date: 12-7-22

William B. Cotton
Defendant's signature

Joanne M. Daley
Signature of defendant's attorney

Joanne M. Daley
Printed name of defendant's attorney

AO 98 (Rev. 12/11) Appearance Bond

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for the

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Case No. 1:22MJ97LDA

APPEARANCE BOND

Defendant's Agreement

I, William B. Cotton (defendant), agree to follow every order of this court, or any court that considers this case, and I further agree that this bond may be forfeited if I fail:

- (X) to appear for court proceedings;
(X) if convicted, to surrender to serve a sentence that the court may impose; or
(X) to comply with all conditions set forth in the Order Setting Conditions of Release.

Type of Bond

- (X) (1) This is a personal recognizance bond.
() (2) This is an unsecured bond of \$
() (3) This is a secured bond of \$, secured by:
(a) \$, in cash deposited with the court.
(b) the agreement of the defendant and each surety to forfeit the following cash or other property (describe the cash or other property, including claims on it - such as a lien, mortgage, or loan - and attach proof of ownership and value):

If this bond is secured by real property, documents to protect the secured interest may be filed of record.

- () (c) a bail bond with a solvent surety (attach a copy of the bail bond, or describe it and identify the surety):

Forfeiture or Release of the Bond

Forfeiture of the Bond. This appearance bond may be forfeited if the defendant does not comply with the above agreement. The court may immediately order the amount of the bond surrendered to the United States, including the security for the bond, if the defendant does not comply with the agreement. At the request of the United States, the court may order a judgment of forfeiture against the defendant and each surety for the entire amount of the bond, including interest and costs.

AO 98 (Rev. 12/11) Appearance Bond

Release of the Bond. The court may order this appearance bond ended at any time. This bond will be satisfied and the security will be released when either: (1) the defendant is found not guilty on all charges, or (2) the defendant reports to serve a sentence.

Declarations

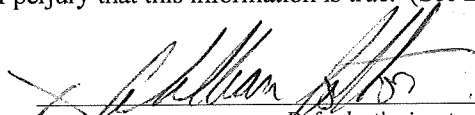
Ownership of the Property. I, the defendant – and each surety – declare under penalty of perjury that:

- (1) all owners of the property securing this appearance bond are included on the bond;
- (2) the property is not subject to claims, except as described above; and
- (3) I will not sell the property, allow further claims to be made against it, or do anything to reduce its value while this appearance bond is in effect.

Acceptance. I, the defendant – and each surety – have read this appearance bond and have either read all the conditions of release set by the court or had them explained to me. I agree to this Appearance Bond.

I, the defendant – and each surety – declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1746.)

Date: 12/07/2022



Defendant's signature

Surety/property owner – printed name

Surety/property owner – signature and date

Surety/property owner – printed name

Surety/property owner – signature and date

Surety/property owner – printed name

Surety/property owner – signature and date

CLERK OF COURT

Date: 12/07/2022

/s/Jeannine Noel
Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Approved.

Date: 12/07/2022

/s/Lincoln D. Almond, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Judge's signature

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ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

IT IS ORDERED that the defendant's release is subject to these conditions:

- (1) The defendant must not violate federal, state, or local law while on release.
(2) The defendant must cooperate in the collection of a DNA sample if it is authorized by 34 U.S.C. § 40702.
(3) The defendant must advise the court or the pretrial services office or supervising officer in writing before making any change of residence or telephone number.
(4) The defendant must appear in court as required and, if convicted, must surrender as directed to serve a sentence that the court may impose.

The defendant must appear at:

[Redacted address]

Place

[Redacted address]

on

12/15/2022 1:00 pm

Date and Time

If blank, defendant will be notified of next appearance.

- (5) The defendant must sign an Appearance Bond, if ordered.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(c)(1)(B), the court may impose the following least restrictive condition(s) only as necessary to reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant's release is subject to the conditions marked below:

- () (6) The defendant is placed in the custody of: Person or organization Address (only if above is an organization) City and state Tel. No.

who agrees to (a) supervise the defendant, (b) use every effort to assure the defendant's appearance at all court proceedings, and (c) notify the court immediately if the defendant violates a condition of release or is no longer in the custodian's custody.

Signed: Custodian Date

- (x) (7) The defendant must: (x) (a) submit to supervision by and report for supervision to the Pretrial Services in District of Columbia/Rhode Island, telephone number 401-752-7300, no later than as instructed. () (b) continue or actively seek employment. () (c) continue or start an education program. () (d) surrender any passport to: () (e) not obtain a passport or other international travel document. (x) (f) abide by the following restrictions on personal association, residence, or travel: Travel is restricted to the Continental United States. International travel requires court approval. Travel to the District of Columbia to participate in court proceedings, meetings with pretrial and counsel only. () (g) avoid all contact, directly or indirectly, with any person who is or may be a victim or witness in the investigation or prosecution, including: () (h) get medical or psychiatric treatment: () (i) return to custody each at o'clock after being released at o'clock for employment, schooling, or the following purposes: () (j) maintain residence at a halfway house or community corrections center, as the pretrial services office or supervising officer considers necessary. (x) (k) not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other weapon. () (l) not use alcohol () at all () excessively. () (m) not use or unlawfully possess a narcotic drug or other controlled substances defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner. () (n) submit to testing for a prohibited substance if required by the pretrial services office or supervising officer. Testing may be used with random frequency and may include urine testing, the wearing of a sweat patch, a remote alcohol testing system, and/or any form of prohibited substance screening or testing. The defendant must not obstruct, attempt to obstruct, or tamper with the efficiency and accuracy of prohibited substance screening or testing. () (o) participate in a program of inpatient or outpatient substance abuse therapy and counseling if directed by the pretrial services office or supervising officer. () (p) participate in one of the following location restriction programs and comply with its requirements as directed. () (i) Curfew. You are restricted to your residence every day () from to , or () as directed by the pretrial services office or supervising officer; or () (ii) Home Detention. You are restricted to your residence at all times except for employment; education; religious services; medical, substance abuse, or mental health treatment; attorney visits; court appearances; court-ordered obligations; or other activities approved in advance by the pretrial services office or supervising officer; or () (iii) Home Incarceration. You are restricted to 24-hour-a-day lock-down at your residence except for medical necessities and court appearances or other activities specifically approved by the court; or () (iv) Stand Alone Monitoring. You have no residential curfew, home detention, or home incarceration restrictions. However, you must comply with the location or travel restrictions as imposed by the court. Note: Stand Alone Monitoring should be used in conjunction with global positioning system (GPS) technology.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

- (q) submit to the following location monitoring technology and comply with its requirements as directed:
 - (i) Location monitoring technology as directed by the pretrial services or supervising officer; or
 - (ii) Voice Recognition; or
 - (iii) Radio Frequency; or
 - (iv) GPS.
- (r) pay all or part of the cost of location monitoring based upon your ability to pay as determined by the pretrial services or supervising officer.
- (s) report as soon as possible, to the pretrial services or supervising officer, every contact with law enforcement personnel, including arrests, questioning, or traffic stops.
- (t) _____

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE (continued)

12/15/2022 @ 1:00PM EST before Magistrate Judge Robin M. Meriweather.



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- Access Code: 5496501

DISTRIBUTION: COURT DEFENDANT PRETRIAL SERVICES U.S. ATTORNEY U.S. MARSHAL

ADVICE OF PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS

TO THE DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS:

Violating any of the foregoing conditions of release may result in the immediate issuance of a warrant for your arrest, a revocation of your release, an order of detention, a forfeiture of any bond, and a prosecution for contempt of court and could result in imprisonment, a fine, or both.

While on release, if you commit a federal felony offense the punishment is an additional prison term of not more than ten years and for a federal misdemeanor offense the punishment is an additional prison term of not more than one year. This sentence will be consecutive (i.e., in addition to) to any other sentence you receive.

It is a crime punishable by up to ten years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine, or both, to: obstruct a criminal investigation; tamper with a witness, victim, or informant; retaliate or attempt to retaliate against a witness, victim, or informant; or intimidate or attempt to intimidate a witness, victim, juror, informant, or officer of the court. The penalties for tampering, retaliation, or intimidation are significantly more serious if they involve a killing or attempted killing.

If, after release, you knowingly fail to appear as the conditions of release require, or to surrender to serve a sentence, you may be prosecuted for failing to appear or surrender and additional punishment may be imposed. If you are convicted of:

- (1) an offense punishable by death, life imprisonment, or imprisonment for a term of fifteen years or more – you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both;
- (2) an offense punishable by imprisonment for a term of five years or more, but less than fifteen years – you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both;
- (3) any other felony – you will be fined not more than \$250,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both;
- (4) a misdemeanor – you will be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

A term of imprisonment imposed for failure to appear or surrender will be consecutive to any other sentence you receive. In addition, a failure to appear or surrender may result in the forfeiture of any bond posted.

Acknowledgment of the Defendant

I acknowledge that I am the defendant in this case and that I am aware of the conditions of release. I promise to obey all conditions of release, to appear as directed, and surrender to serve any sentence imposed. I am aware of the penalties and sanctions set forth above.

[Handwritten Signature]

Defendant's Signature

ASHAWAY RI

City and State

Directions to the United States Marshal

- The defendant is ORDERED released after processing.
- The United States marshal is ORDERED to keep the defendant in custody until notified by the clerk or judge that the defendant has posted bond and/or complied with all other conditions for release. If still in custody, the defendant must be produced before the appropriate judge at the time and place specified.

Date: 12/7/2022

/s/Lincoln D. Almond

Judicial Officer's Signature

Lincoln D. Almond, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

DISTRIBUTION: COURT DEFENDANT PRETRIAL SERVICE U.S. ATTORNEY U.S. MARSHAL

**U.S. District Court
District of Rhode Island (Providence)
CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:22-mj-00097-LDA-1**

Case title: USA v. William B. Cotton

Date Filed: 12/07/2022

Assigned to: Magistrate Judge
Lincoln D. Almond

Defendant (1)

William B. Cotton

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*Designation: Public Defender or Community
Defender Appointment*

Pending Counts

None

Disposition

Highest Offense Level (Opening)

None

Terminated Counts

None

Disposition

**Highest Offense Level
(Terminated)**

None

Complaints

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)(D)– Disorderly
Conduct in a Capitol Building; 40

Disposition

U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)– Parading,
 Demonstrating, or Picketing in a
 Capitol Building

Plaintiff

USA

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12/07/2022			Arrest of William B. Cotton in Rhode Island. (Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022			Case unsealed as to William B. Cotton (Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022			Arrest (Rule 5) of William B. Cotton (Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022	<u>2</u>		ORDER APPOINTING FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER as to William B. Cotton. Joanne M. Daley for William B. Cotton appointed. So Ordered by Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond on 12/7/2022. (Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022			Minute Entry for proceedings held before Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond: IN-PERSON Initial Appearance in Rule 5(c)(3) Proceedings as to William B. Cotton held on 12/7/2022, Bond Hearing as to William B. Cotton held on 12/7/2022 (Daly, Daley) USPO Donohue; All parties present; Deft present; Court informs Deft of rights and charges; Deft understands rights and charges; FPD appointed; Waiver of Identity Hearing; Court informs Deft of rights; Deft understands rights and waiver; Deft signs waiver; Court accepts waiver as knowing and voluntary; Court orders Deft to appear in the District of Columbia by Zoom; Deft Counsel addresses the Court; Deft released on Personal Recognizance and Conditions; Govt addresses Court and requests speedy trial rule be tolled until appearance in DC; No Objection; Deft released(Court Reporter FTR in Courtroom A at 2:10 pm.)(Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022	<u>3</u>		WAIVER of Rule 5(c)(3) Hearing by William B. Cotton accepted by MJ Almond (Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
12/07/2022	<u>4</u>		Appearance Bond Entered as to William B. Cotton – Personal Recognizance. So Ordered by Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond on 12/7/2022.(Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)

12/07/2022	<u>5</u>	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to William B. Cotton (1) Personal Recognizance. So Ordered by Magistrate Judge Lincoln D. Almond on 12/7/2022. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Unredacted)(Noel, Jeannine) (Entered: 12/07/2022)
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