

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Columbia

United States of America

v.

JENNIFER HEINL (AKA: N/A)

DOB: XXXXXX

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Case: 1:21-mj-00319

Assigned To : Meriweather, Robin M.

Assign. Date : 3/17/2021

Description: Complaint w/ Arrest Warrant

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:

Code Section

Offense Description

18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) - Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or Grounds Without Lawful Authority,

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) - Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds,

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

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached statement of facts.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Sarah Snyder

Complainant's signature

Sarah Synder, 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: 03/17/2021

Handwritten signature and seal of Robin M. Meriweather

2021.03.17

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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, is a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) and I am currently assigned to a Joint Terrorism Task Force (“JTTF”) with the FBI Pittsburgh Division in Pittsburgh, PA. Currently, I am tasked with investigating criminal activity in and around the Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021. I have served as a Special Agent since December 2020. Prior to that time, I received an advanced degree in forensic psychology and worked as a behavior specialist. As a Special Agent, I am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detention, investigation, or prosecution of violations of Federal criminal laws.

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, shortly 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.

While FBI employees were reviewing U.S. Capitol security camera footage taken from inside the Capitol Rotunda, they observed a female subject wearing a red long-sleeve jersey bearing "Trump 20" on the back and a black hat with white lettering on the front. U.S. Capitol security camera footage and police body camera footage shows the female subject inside the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, U.S. Capitol Crypt, and inside restricted areas on U.S. Capitol grounds. Images of the female subject taken on January 6, 2021 are below. The first three photos below are from body worn camera footage on the Capitol grounds on January 6.



The below images show the same female subject inside the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on January 6, 2021 at approximately 2:54 p.m. on January 6, 2021.



Below is an image from U.S. Capitol security camera showing the same female subject in the Crypt room of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. In the below image, the female subject appears to be speaking on a cell phone.



The FBI initially identified the female subject as Jennifer HEINL through her association with a male subject, who has been identified as Kenneth Grayson.<sup>1</sup> Grayson is shown standing next to and talking with HEINL in the Capitol Rotunda in the photos above. FBI executed a federal search warrant for Grayson's Facebook account. Upon reviewing the search warrant returns, FBI observed communications between HEINL and Grayson via Facebook Messenger from on or

<sup>1</sup> On January 26, 2021, Kenneth Grayson was arrested in Pennsylvania and charged via criminal complaint in docket number: 1:21-mj-163.

about November 12, 2020 to January 11, 2021. The communications discussed, in part, travel arrangements to Washington, D.C., including rental vehicles and hotels.

On or about January 28, 2021, Special Agents (“SA”) of FBI Pittsburgh Division conducted a telephone interview with HEINL regarding her association with Grayson. The following is not intended to be a verbatim account of the interview and is intended to be a summary of the interview. During the interview, HEINL claimed that she and Grayson had fallen out of touch, and while not sure of the last time she had spoken to Grayson, it had been via Facebook Messenger. HEINL stated that she traveled to Washington, D.C. on January 5, 2021, and returned home to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the following day. She stated that she stayed in a “Courtyard” hotel, and that it was not the same hotel in which Grayson stayed. HEINL also stated that she drove to the rally alone and did not bring any other associates with her. She stated she saw Grayson at a rally at the Ellipse in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021. HEINL stated that she did not enter the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021.

On or between February 16, 2021 and February 26, 2021, FBI SAs interviewed an individual familiar with HEINL. FBI showed that individual Witness One (“W1”) the below four photographs. FBI obtained the third photograph below, which shows HEINL in a green jacket, on Grayson’s iPad. W1 was not aware that HEINL had traveled to the Capitol but provided positive identification of HEINL from the four photographs below. W1 has known HEINL for a little over a year and recently saw HEINL in Pennsylvania.



Based on the aforementioned evidence, there is probable cause to believe that HEINL was present inside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, during the riot and related offenses that occurred at the U.S. Capitol Building, located at First Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Accordingly, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that HEINL 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 HEINL 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.

*Sarah Snyder*

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SARAH SNYDER, SPECIAL AGENT  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 17 day of March, 2021.

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ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE