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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:21-cr-00204-BAH-2

Case title: USA v. BLEDSOE et al Date Filed: 03/10/2021

Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A.

Howell

Defendant (2)

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Pending Counts

40:5104(e)(2)(G); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a

Capitol Building

(5)

**Disposition** 

Defendant sentence to serve a term of thirty—six (36) months Probation with a home detention condition. Defendant ordered to pay a \$10.00 special assessment and \$500.00 restitution.

# Highest Offense Level (Opening)

Misdemeanor

**Terminated Counts** 

18:1752(a)(1); TEMPORARY RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Entering and

Remaining in a Restricted Building

or Grounds

(2)

18:1752(a)(2); TEMPORARY

RESIDENCE OF THE PRESIDENT; Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted **Disposition** 

DISMISSED ON ORAL MOTION BY THE

GOVERNMENT.

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GOVERNMENT.

Building or Grounds

(3)

40:5104(e)(2)(D); VIOLENT ENTRY AND DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON CAPITOL GROUNDS; Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building

DISMISSED ON ORAL MOTION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

(4)

**Highest Offense Level** 

(Terminated)

Misdemeanor

<u>Complaints</u> <u>Disposition</u>

None

**Interested Party** 

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Date Filed	#	Page	Docket Text	
03/10/2021	23		INDICTMENT as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1) count(s) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, BLAKE A. REED (3) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) count(s) 2, 3, 4, 5. (bb) (Entered: 03/10/2021)	
03/11/2021			NOTICE OF HEARING as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. The parties shall take notice that an Arraignment Hearing is scheduled for 3/12/2021, at 10:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. A videoconference link will be provided by the deputy clerk.(ztg) (Entered: 03/11/2021)	
03/11/2021	<u>28</u>		STANDING ORDER as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 11, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/11/2021)	
03/12/2021	32		First MOTION to Continue and Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Carter, Jamie) Modified event title on 3/23/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 03/12/2021)	
03/12/2021			MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's 32 Motion to Continue and to Exclude Time Under the Speedy Trial Act given the consent of each of the defendants given at the hearing held March 12, 2021, and EXCLUDING time under the Speedy Trial Act until the next status conference on May 14, 2021 for the reasons outlined at the hearing and provided in the government's motion. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 03/12/2021)	
03/12/2021			Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Arraignment as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1), ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2), BLAKE AUSTIN REED (3), and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (4) held via videoconference on 3/12/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. Defendants Matthew Bledsoe,	

		Eric Chase Torrens, Blake Austin Reed, and Jack Jesse Griffith waived the reading of the Indictment and entered a plea of not guilty to all Counts of the Indictment filed on 3/10/2021. A Status Hearing is scheduled for 5/14/2021, at 9:00 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Oral motion by the government to dismiss Criminal Case 21CR80, USA v. Matthew Bledsoe, granted. The government will file a motion to dismiss a related case against Eric Chase Torrens, (21cr135), before Judge Reggie B. Walton. Orders Setting Conditions of Release entered for Defendant Matthew Bledsoe and Eric Chase Torrens. Oral motion by counsel for Defendant Torrens to modify the boundary release condition to "the State of Tennessee," granted. Matthew Bledsoe's Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, filed in Case 21cr80 under ECF 11, granted without objection. Defendant Matthew Bledsoe shall be allowed to make the work related trips to Nashville, Tennessee on March 20, 2021, and to Tampa, Florida from April 1 to April 4, 2021; SO ORDERED by the Court. The Defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing date of 5/14/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated in open court, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 3/12/2021 through 5/14/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, and #4: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint—Loth. (ztg) Modified to correct Case Number on 4/6/2021 (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	34	ORDER Setting Conditions of Release as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 3/12/2021. (Attachments: # 1 Appearance Bond) (ztg) Modified to add name of defendant on 3/12/2021 (ztg). (Entered: 03/12/2021)
03/12/2021	35	MOTION to Exclude Time Under Speedy Trial Act by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (See Docket Entry 32 to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 03/23/2021)
05/06/2021	38	NOTICE OF ATTORNEY APPEARANCE Mitra Jafary–Hariri appearing for USA. (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/06/2021)
05/11/2021	43	Unopposed MOTION for Protective Order <i>Governing Discovery</i> by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>43</u> Motion for Protective Order as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 5/11/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/11/2021	44	PROTECTIVE ORDER as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. See Protective Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 11, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/11/2021)
05/12/2021	45	Unopposed MOTION for Disclosure <i>re: Sealed Materials</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed

		Order)(Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/12/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, GRANTING the government's 45 Unopposed Motion for an Order to Disclose Items Protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e) and Sealed Materials and AUTHORIZING the government, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e)(3)(E)(i), to provide to defendants, and any co–defendants who may later be joined, materials protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 6(e), insofar as such disclosure is necessary for the government to comply with its discovery and disclosure obligations. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 12, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 05/12/2021)
05/14/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 5/14/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 7/16/2021, at 10:30 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. The defendants agreed to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next status hearing of 7/16/2021. The Court found that for the reasons stated on the record, time under the Speedy Trial Act shall be excluded from 5/14/2021 through 7/16/2021, in the best interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial in order to allow the government to complete discovery and the defendants to review the discovery and discuss resolution of this matter short of trial. Bond Status of Defendants: Personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorneys: #1 Jerry R. Smith; #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky; #3 Luke Evans and Paul Bruno; #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint–Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 05/14/2021)
07/12/2021	<u>53</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Relating to Discovery</i> by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 07/12/2021)
07/16/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Status Hearing as to Defendant #1 MATTHEW BLEDSOE, #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS, #3 BLAKE AUSTIN REED, #4 JACK JESSE GRIFFITH held via videoconference on 7/16/2021. The defendants agreed to participate via videoconference after consultation with counsel. A further Status Hearing is scheduled for 9/24/2021, at 10:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Defendant Mathew Bledsoe's 52 Motion to Modify Conditions of Release, heard and denied; the original conditions of release imposed as to Defendant Mathew Bledsoe shall remain in place. Time excluded under the Speedy Trial Act from 7/16/2021 through 9/24/2021, in the interests of justice and those interests outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial in order to give the government time to produce discovery and complete discussions about plea offers and to give the defendants time to consider how to proceed in this case. Bond Status of Defendants #1, #2, #3, #4: personal recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: #1 Jerry R. Smith Jr, #2 Edward J. Ungvarsky, #3 Luke Evans, #4 H. Heather Shaner; US Attorney: Mitra Jafary—Hariri; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck

		(telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint-Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 07/16/2021)
07/29/2021		NOTICE OF HEARING as to Defendant #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS. The parties shall take notice that a Plea Agreement Hearing is scheduled for 8/19/2021, at 11:00 AM via videoconference before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. A videoconference link will be provided by the deputy clerk nearest the hearing date. (ztg) (Entered: 07/29/2021)
08/15/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS, DIRECTING the government (1) by 2 PM on August 16, 2021, to submit to the Court a report on the length and source(s) of the video evidence described in the Statement of Offense ("SOF"), which SOF provides the factual basis for the plea and was submitted by the government to the Court via email on July 28, 2021; (2) make such video evidence available for the Court's review by 2 PM on August 16, 2021, prior to the scheduled plea hearing on August 19, 2021; and FURTHER DIRECTING the parties to provide their positions, by 2 PM on August 16, 2021, whether this video evidence may be made publicly available without restriction. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 15, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 08/15/2021)
08/16/2021	<u>67</u>	STATUS REPORT and Position Regarding Public Release of Video in Response to Court's August 15, 2021 Minute Order by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/16/2021	68	NOTICE Objection to Public Dissemination of Discovery Videos by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re Order,,, 67 Status Report (Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/16/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS DIRECTING the government, upon consideration of the government's <u>67</u> Status Report and Position Regarding Public Release of Video, to provide by noon on August 18, 2021 a more fulsome explanation for why videos 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 cannot be publicly released given (1) that they have been disclosed to the Court as part of a predicate for defendant's plea agreement; (2) that the parties' designation of the exhibits as "highly sensitive" does not, standing alone, warrant nondisclosure, <i>see In re Press &amp; Pub. Access to Video Exhibits in Capitol Riot Cases</i> , Case No. 21–mc–46 (BAH), 2021 WL 1946378, at *7 (D.D.C. May 14, 2021); and (3) that CCTV footage from the Capitol Building submitted to the Court has been made publicly available in other cases, <i>see, e.g., United States v. Jackson</i> , Case No. 21–mj–115, Mem. Op. and Order, ECF No. 24 (releasing over defendant's objection, without government objection, video evidence submitted in detention hearing, including CCTV footage from Capitol Building). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 16, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/16/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS: Government's response to Order of the Court due by noon on 8/18/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/16/2021)
08/17/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS DIRECTING defendant, upon consideration of defendant's <u>68</u> Notice of Objection to Public Dissemination of Discovery Videos, to provide by noon on August 18, 2021, a more fulsome explanation for his opposition to the release of videos submitted to the Court in connection with defendant's plea hearing, <i>see</i> <u>67</u> Gov't's Status

		Report and Position Regarding Release of Video. In particular, defendant should address (1) the basis for his implicit argument that videos submitted to the Court may not be ordered released by the Court without request for release by the parties or some member of the public, and (2) the basis for defendant's objection to the release of the videos, given that the risk of "annoyance and criticism" is generally insufficient to rebut the presumption of public access to judicial proceedings. <i>See In re Sealed Case</i> , 931 F.3d 92, 97 (D.C. Cir. 2019). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 17, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/17/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS: Defendant's response to Order of the Court due by noon on 8/18/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/17/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>69</u>	Supplement to Defendant's <u>68</u> Objection to Public Dissemination of Discovery Videos by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>67</u> Status Report (Ungvarsky, Edward) Modified text and link on 8/23/2021 (bb). (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>70</u>	NOTICE of Explanation of Position as to Release of Video Evidence by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 08/18/2021)
08/18/2021	<u>76</u>	Application for Access to Video Exhibits by PRESS COALITION as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (bb) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/19/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell: Plea Agreement Hearing as to Defendant #2 ERIC CHASE TORRENS held via videoconference on 8/19/2021; the Defendant agreed to participate via videoconference under the CARES Act and after consultation with counsel. Defendant sworn; plea of guilty entered by ERIC CHASE TORRENS to Count 5 of the Indictment filed on 3/10/2021; case referred to the Probation Office for presentence investigation; Sentencing Hearing scheduled for 10/29/2021, at 11:15 AM before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. Regarding the release of 6 out of 9 evidence videos, the Court at this time will not order their release. Co–Defendant Matthew Bledsoe's 72 Motion to Adopt and Join Filings, granted. The Defendant shall remain released pending sentencing; Bond Status of Defendant: Personal Recognizance. Present via videoconference: Defense Attorney: Edward J. Ungvarsky; US Attorney: Mitra Jafary–Hariri and Jamie Carter; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck (telephonically). Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint–Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/19/2021	<u>73</u>	PLEA AGREEMENT as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (ztg) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/19/2021	<u>74</u>	STATEMENT OF OFFENSE by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (ztg) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/19/2021	<u>75</u>	WAIVER of Trial by Jury as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Approved by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 8/19/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/19/2021)
08/20/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, DIRECTING the parties to file, by August 25, 2021, any response to the Press Coalition's <u>76</u> Application for Access to Video Exhibits. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 20, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
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		Set/Reset Deadlines as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH: Responses to the Press Coalition's <u>76</u> Application for Access to Video Exhibits due by 8/25/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 08/20/2021)
08/21/2021	<u>78</u>	RESPONSE by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>76</u> MOTION to Access <i>Video Exhibits</i> (Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 08/21/2021)
08/23/2021	<u>79</u>	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, in case as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS, before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell, held on 8–19–2021. Page Numbers: 1 – 33. Date of Issuance: 8–23–2021. Court Reporter: Elizabeth SaintLoth; Telephone number: 202–354–3242. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u> For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the co urt reporter referenced
		above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.
		NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty—one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.
		Redaction Request due 9/13/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 9/23/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 11/21/2021.(Saint-Loth, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/23/2021)
09/01/2021		MINUTE ORDER (paperless), as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2), DIRECTING the government to provide, by noon on September 3, 2021, a further explanation of the specific security threats posed by release of the closed—circuit video exhibits submitted in connection with defendant's plea hearing held August 19, 2021. The government contends that these videos could be aggregated with other videos from the U.S. Capitol to "reveal non—public information about entry and exit points, office locations, and the relation of the crucial chambers and offices (such as the Speaker's Office or Majority Leader's Office) to other areas of the Capitol," Gov't's Explanation of Position as to Release of Video Evidence at 3, ECF No. 70 (citation and internal quotation marks omitted), but has not adequately explained how the specific videos in this case could be used to that end. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 1, 2021. (lcbah4) Modified on 9/1/2021 to add defendant's number (hmc). (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/01/2021		Set/Reset Deadlines as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2): Government's further explanation due by 9/3/2021. (hmc) Modified on 9/1/2021 (hmc). (Entered: 09/01/2021)
09/03/2021	80	NOTICE of United States' Further Explanation of Its Position in Response to Court's Sep. 1 Minute Order by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (Jafary-Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 09/03/2021)

09/12/2021	<u>82</u>	REPLY in Support by PRESS COALITION as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS re 76 MOTION to Access <i>Video Exhibits</i> (Attachments: # 1 Declaration of Mickey H. Osterreicher)(Tobin, Charles) (Entered: 09/12/2021)
09/15/2021	<u>83</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER, as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS, GRANTING the Press Coalition's <u>76</u> Application for Access to Video Exhibits. See Memorandum Opinion and Order for further details. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 15, 2021. (lcbah4) (Entered: 09/15/2021)
09/23/2021	<u>86</u>	NOTICE re: Status of Discovery by USA as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, JACK JESSE GRIFFITH (Attachments: # 1 Notice to Counsel/Party, # 2 Notice to Counsel/Party)(Jafary—Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 09/23/2021)
10/01/2021	88	Consent MOTION to Amend/Correct <i>CM/ECF Status of Counsel Denotation</i> , Consent MOTION to Appoint Counsel <i>NUNC PRO TUNC PURSUANT CJA ACT</i> by ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/01/2021)
10/04/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>88</u> Consent Motion for Nunc Pro Tunc Order of Appointment as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Upon consideration of the consent motion, it is hereby Ordered that Attorney Edward J. Ungvarsky is appointed in this matter to defend ERIC CHASE TORRENS under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) nunc pro tunc February 8, 2021; it is FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall correct the case docket to reflect counsel's CJA designation. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/4/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/04/2021)
10/14/2021		MINUTE ORDER granting 96 Unopposed Motion to Temporarily Modify Conditions of Release to Permit Special Work Travel as to MATTHEW BLEDSOE (1). Upon consideration of the unopposed motion, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant MATTHEW BLEDSOE shall be permitted to travel for work purposes from Memphis, Tennessee to Marshall, Arkansas from October 22, 2021 through October 24, 2021. It is FURTHER ORDERED that all other conditions of pretrial release shall remain unchanged. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/14/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/14/2021)
10/15/2021		NOTICE OF IN-PERSON HEARING as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. The parties shall take notice that the Sentencing scheduled for 10/29/2021, at 11:15 AM will be an in-person hearing in Courtroom 22A before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (ztg) (Entered: 10/15/2021)
10/15/2021	97	SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by ERIC CHASE TORRENS (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Defendant Eric Torrens' Letter to the Court, # 2 Exhibit All—Star Personnel Employment Verification, # 3 Exhibit Letter— Work Supervisor (AG), # 4 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Father (ET), # 5 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Mother (JT), # 6 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Paternal Uncle (JLT), # 7 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's First Cousin and Godmother to his Daughter (TH), # 8 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Paternal Aunt and Godmother (MS), # 9 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Mother's Friend, Aunt—Like to Defendant (CD), # 10 Exhibit Letter—Defendant's Neighbor (BE), # 11 Exhibit Photographs—Defendant and His Daughter)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/15/2021)
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		SENTENCING MEMORANDUM by USA as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (Jafary–Hariri, Mitra) (Entered: 10/15/2021)
10/15/2021	101	SUPPLEMENT by ERIC CHASE TORRENS <u>97</u> Defendant's Sentencing Memorandum, (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ex 12 – Letter, Susan Torrens, Defendant's Aunt, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Ex. 13 – Letter, Amanda V, Manager)(Ungvarsky, Edward) Modified text and link on 10/20/2021 (bb). (Entered: 10/15/2021)
10/20/2021	104	RESPONSE by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>99</u> Sentencing Memorandum (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Ehrke.MorganLloyd.Bissey Facts, # <u>2</u> Exhibit ThomasGallgher Facts, # <u>3</u> Exhibit ElielRosa Facts, # <u>4</u> Exhibit AndrewBennett Facts, # <u>5</u> Exhibit JoshuaJessicaBustle Facts, # <u>6</u> Exhibit DanielleDoyle Facts)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/20/2021)
10/22/2021	110	RESPONSE by ERIC CHASE TORRENS Response to Govt Supplemental Sentencing Memo in Griffith (ECF 109) (Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/22/2021	112	MOTION for Leave to Appear by Telephone <i>Motion for VTC Sentencing Hearing</i> by ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/22/2021)
10/23/2021	113	SUPPLEMENT by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>97</u> Sentencing Memorandum,,, Sup Response Govt Sentencing Memo, Supp Resp Govt Suppl. Memo in Griffith (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit LoriThomasVinson Sentencing Materials, # <u>2</u> Exhibit BrittanyDillon Sentencing Materials, # <u>3</u> Exhibit LeonardGruppo Sentencing Materials)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/23/2021)
10/25/2021		MINUTE ORDER as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2), DENYING 112 Motion for Defendant to Appear by Video Technology at His Sentencing Hearing. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/25/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/25/2021)
10/26/2021	119	Consent MOTION USMS Pay Travel Expenses by ERIC CHASE TORRENS. (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/26/2021)
10/27/2021	121	SUPPLEMENT by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>97</u> Sentencing Memorandum,,, <i>Community Service Hours</i> (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Community Service)(Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
10/27/2021	122	ORDER granting 119 Consent Motion for USMS to Make Travel Arrangements as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 27, 2021. (lcbah1) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
10/27/2021	124	ORDER (amended) as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS granting 119 Consent Motion for USMS to Make Travel Arrangements filed by ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/27/2021. (ztg) (Entered: 10/27/2021)
10/27/2021	125	RESPONSE by ERIC CHASE TORRENS re <u>99</u> Sentencing Memorandum, <u>97</u> Sentencing Memorandum,,, <i>Response to ECF 117 in Griffith</i> (Ungvarsky, Edward) (Entered: 10/27/2021)

10/29/2021		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell:Sentencing held on 10/29/2021 as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS (2); Defendant sentenced on Count 5 to serve a term of thirty—six (36) months Probation with home detention condition; he was ordered to pay a \$10.00 special assessment and \$500.00 restitution. Oral motion by government for the dismissal of Counts 2, 3, and 4, granted. Counts 2, 3, and 4 dismissed as to Defendant ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Bond Status of Defendant: Defendant placed on Probation; Probation supervision transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. Present: Defense Attorney: Edward J. Ungvarsky; US Attorneys: Jamie Carter and Mitra Jafary—Hariri; Probation Officer: Robert Walters; Pretrial Officer: Christine Schuck. Court Reporter: Elizabeth Saint—Loth. (ztg) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
10/29/2021	133	JUDGMENT as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS. Statement of Reasons Not Included. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/29/2021. (bb) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
10/29/2021	134	STATEMENT OF REASONS as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS re 133  Judgment Access to the PDF Document is restricted per Judicial Conference Policy. Access is limited to Counsel of Record and the Court. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on 10/29/2021. (bb) (Entered: 10/29/2021)
11/08/2021	138	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS, in case as to ERIC CHASE TORRENS, before Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell, held on 11/6/2021. Page Numbers: 1 – 52. Date of Issuance: 11–08–2021. Court Reporter: Elizabeth SaintLoth, Telephone number: 202–354–3242. Transcripts may be ordered by submitting the <u>Transcript Order Form</u>
		For the first 90 days after this filing date, the transcript may be viewed at the courthouse at a public terminal or purchased from the court reporter referenced above. After 90 days, the transcript may be accessed via PACER. Other transcript formats, (multi-page, condensed, CD or ASCII) may be purchased from the court reporter.
		NOTICE RE REDACTION OF TRANSCRIPTS: The parties have twenty—one days to file with the court and the court reporter any request to redact personal identifiers from this transcript. If no such requests are filed, the transcript will be made available to the public via PACER without redaction after 90 days. The policy, which includes the five personal identifiers specifically covered, is located on our website at www.dcd.uscourts.gov.
		Redaction Request due 11/29/2021. Redacted Transcript Deadline set for 12/9/2021. Release of Transcript Restriction set for 2/6/2022.(Saint–Loth, Elizabeth) Modified date of hearing on 11/30/2021 (znmw). (Entered: 11/08/2021)

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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Di	strict of Columbia Clerk, U.S. District and		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE		
v.	)		
ERIC CHASE TORRENS	) Case Number: 21CR204-02 (BAH)		
	USM Number: 28021-509		
	) Edward J. Ungvarsky		
THE DEFENDANT:	) Defendant's Attorney		
✓ pleaded guilty to count(s) 5 of the Indictment filed o	on 3/10/2021		
pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.			
was found guilty on count(s) after a plea of not guilty.			
The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses;			
Nature of Offense  40 USC 5104(e)(2)(G), Parading, Demonstrating, of the USC 5109(b)	r Picketing in a Capitol Building  1/6/2021  5		
The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 throthe Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.	ough7 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to		
The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s)			
✓ Count(s) 2, 3, and 4 □ is			
It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney	I States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, of material changes in economic circumstances.		
	10/29/2021  Date of Imposition of Judgment		
	Beylf. Howell		
	Signature of Judge		
	Beryl A. Howell, Chief U.S. District Judge		
	Name and Title of Judge		
	Date 29, 2021		

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# **PROBATION**

You are hereby sentenced to probation for a term of:

THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTHS as to Count 5.

fines, or special assessments.

## **MANDATORY CONDITIONS**

1. :	You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2.	You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance, including marijuana.
3.	You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of placement on probation and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court. (Controlled substance includes marijuana.)
	☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future
	substance abuse. (check if applicable)
4.	You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (check if applicable)
5.	You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, et seq.) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. (check if applicable)
6.	You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (check if applicable)
7.	You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 2248, 2259, 2264, 2327, 3663, 3663A, and 3664. (check if applicable)
8.	You must pay the assessment imposed in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3013.
9.	If this judgment imposes a fine, you must pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

You must notify the court of any material change in your economic circumstances that might affect your ability to pay restitution,

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# STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your probation, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

- You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of the time 1. you were sentenced, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
- After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and 2. when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
- You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the 3. court or the probation officer.
- 4 You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
- You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to 6. take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
- You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
- You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the
- If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
- 10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
- You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
- If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
- 13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

# U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see Overview of Probation and Supervised Palagra Conditions published at unay uscourts gov

Release Conditions, available at.	. www.uscourts.gov.		
Defendant's Signature		Date	

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# ADDITIONAL STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

Special Assessment - The defendant is ordered to pay a special assessment of \$10.00 in accordance with 18 USC 3013.

The Court authorizes supervision and jurisdiction of this case to be transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee.

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#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The Defendant is ordered to make restitution to the Architect of the Capitol in the amount of \$500.00. The Court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and therefore waives any interest or penalties that may accrue on the balance.

Restitution Obligation - the Defendant must pay the balance of any restitution owed at a rate of no less than \$25.00 each month.

Financial Payment - the Defendant must pay the financial penalty in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of the judgment. The defendant must also notify the Court of any changes in economic circumstances that might affect the ability to pay this financial penalty.

Financial Payment Schedule - Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

Payment in equal monthly installments of \$25.00 over a period of 20 months, to commence after the date of this judgment.

Financial Information Disclosure - The defendant must provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information and authorize the release of any financial information until the restitution obligation is paid in full. The Probation Office may share financial information with the United States Attorney's Office.

Financial Restrictions - The defendant must not incur new credit charges, or open additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer.

Location Monitoring - The defendant will be monitored by the form of location monitoring technology indicated herein for a period of 90 days, and he must follow the rules and regulations of the location monitoring program. The cost of the program is waived. Location monitoring technology at the discretion of the probation officer, including: Radio Frequency (RF) Monitoring; GPS Monitoring (including hybrid GPS); SmartLINK; or Voice Recognition. This form of location monitoring technology will be used to monitor the following restriction on the defendant's movement in the community: The defendant is restricted to his residence at all times except for his or his daughter's employment; education; religious services; medical, substance abuse, or mental health treatment; attorney visits; court appearances; court-ordered obligations in connection with any judicial proceeding or family judicial matters, or other activities as pre-approved by the officer (Home Detention).

Restitution payments shall be made to the Clerk of the Court for the United States District Court, District of Columbia in the amount of \$500.00 for disbursement to the following victim: Architect of the Capitol, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Attn: Kathy Sherrill, CPA, Ford House Office Building, Room H2-205B, Washington, DC 20515.

THE COURT FINDS that the defendant does not have the ability to pay a fine and, therefore, waives imposition of a fine in this case.

The financial obligations are immediately payable to the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court, 333 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Within 30 days of any change of address, the defendant shall notify the Clerk of the Court of the Change until such time as the financial obligation is paid in full.

The Probation Office shall release the presentence investigation report to all appropriate agencies, which includes the United States Probation Office in the approved district of residence, in order to execute the sentence of the Court. Treatment agencies shall return the presentence report to the Probation Office upon the defendant's completion or termination from treatment.

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Sheet 5 - Criminal Monetary Penalties

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# **CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

то	TALS \$ Assessment 10.00	Restitution \$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$\frac{\textbf{AVAA Assessment*}}{0.00}	\$\frac{JVTA Assessment**}{0.00}
	The determination of restitution	n is deferred until	. An <i>An</i>	nended Judgment in a Crimina	al Case (AO 245C) will be
	entered after such determination	on.			
$\checkmark$	The defendant must make resti	tution (including com	munity restitution)	to the following payees in the ar	nount listed below.
	If the defendant makes a partia the priority order or percentag- before the United States is paid	l payment, each payee e payment column bel d.	shall receive an ap ow. However, pur	pproximately proportioned payme suant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all	ent, unless specified otherwise nonfederal victims must be pa
Nai	me of Payee	<u>T</u>	otal Loss***	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage
Ar	chitect of the Capitol			\$500.00	
0	ffice of the Chief Financial Of	ficer			
At	tn.: Kathy Sherrill, CPA				
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	Restitution amount ordered p	ursuant to plea agreem	ent \$		
		the judgment, pursuan	t to 18 U.S.C. § 36	\$2,500, unless the restitution or 10,12(f). All of the payment option (g).	
$\checkmark$	The court determined that the	defendant does not ha	we the ability to pa	y interest and it is ordered that:	
	interest requirement i	s waived for the	fine 🗹 restit	tution.	
	☐ the interest requirement f	fine fine	restitution is r	modified as follows:	
* A **. ***	my, Vicky, and Andy Child Por Justice for Victims of Traffickin Findings for the total amount of fter September 13, 1994, but be	nography Victim Assi g Act of 2015, Pub. L. f losses are required u fore April 23, 1996.	stance Act of 2018 No. 114-22, nder Chapters 109.	8, Pub. L. No. 115-299. A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title	18 for offenses committed on

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Sheet 6 - Schedule of Payments

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## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Hav	ing a	ssessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:
A	$\checkmark$	Lump sum payment of \$ 10.00 due immediately, balance due
		□ not later than , or ☑ in accordance with □ C, □ D, □ E, or ☑ F below; or
В		Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with $\square$ C, $\square$ D, or $\square$ F below); or
C		Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
D		Payment in equal (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ over a period of (e.g., months or years), to commence (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
E		Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within
<b>F</b>		Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:  The defendant shall pay a \$10.00 special assessment and \$500.00 restitution. These amounts are due and payable to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The defendant must pay the balance of restitution owed at a rate of no less than \$25.00 each month over a period of 20 months for disbursement to the victim: Architect of the Capitol.
		e court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the following of court in a superior of the following penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inma Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.
The	defer	dant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.
		t and Several
	Def	e Number endant and Co-Defendant Names and Indianal Manual Joint and Several Corresponding Payee, and the first appropriate and Indianal Manual Manu
	The	defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
	The	defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
	The	defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
Payı (5) f pros	nents ine pr ecutio	shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, rincipal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTA assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of on and court costs.

# 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 : CRIMINAL NO.

v. : MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-089

: MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-079

MATTHEW BLEDSOE, :

ERIC CHASE TORRENS, : VIOLATIONS: BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and : 18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2

JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, : (Obstruction of an Official Proceeding)

also known as "Juan Bibiano," : 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)

: (Entering and Remaining in a Restricted

Defendants. : 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)

## INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

#### **COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, MATTHEW BLEDSOE 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 threatening Congressional officials.

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

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#### **COUNT TWO**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, also known as "Juan Bibiano," 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, MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, also known as "Juan Bibiano," 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, MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, also known as "Juan Bibiano," 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 FIVE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, MATTHEW BLEDSOE, ERIC CHASE TORRENS, BLAKE AUSTIN REED, and JACK JESSE GRIFFITH, also known as "Juan Bibiano," 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.

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