

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JAMES ALLEN MELS,

Defendant.

No. 1:21-cr-184-BAH

VIOLATIONS:

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 or Grounds)

40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)

(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building)

AMENDED INFORMATION

The United States Attorney charges that at all relevant times:

COUNT ONE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JAMES ALLEN MELS** did 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 was and would be temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so.

(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1))

COUNT TWO

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JAMES ALLEN MELS** 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 was and would be 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, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2))

COUNT THREE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JAMES ALLEN MELS** willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct within the United States Capitol Grounds and 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.

(Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(D))

COUNT FOUR

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JAMES ALLEN MELS** 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))

Respectfully submitted,

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