

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Case No: 22-cr-183 (FYP)
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v.	:	
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)
BRIAN KORTE, et al.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	

STATEMENT OF OFFENSE

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the defendant, Brian Korte, with the concurrence of his attorney, agree and stipulate to the below factual basis for the defendant’s guilty plea—that is, if this case were to proceed to trial, the parties stipulate that the United States could prove the below facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

The Attack at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

1. The U.S. Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C., 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 are allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol.

2. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was closed to members of the public.

3. On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the United States Capitol. 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.

4. As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President 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.

5. At approximately 2:00 p.m., certain individuals in the crowd forced their way through, up, and over the barricades, and officers of the U.S. Capitol Police, and the crowd advanced to the exterior façade of the building. The crowd was not lawfully authorized to enter or remain in the building and, prior to entering the building, no members of the crowd submitted to security screenings or weapons checks by U.S. Capitol Police Officers or other authorized security officials.

6. 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 after 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of law enforcement, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts. The riot resulted in substantial damage to the U.S. Capitol, requiring the expenditure of more than \$2.8 million dollars for repairs.

7. 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 Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, all proceedings of the United States Congress, including the joint session, were effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. the same day. In light of the dangerous circumstances caused by the unlawful entry to the U.S. Capitol, including the danger posed by individuals who had entered the U.S. Capitol without any security screening or weapons check, Congressional proceedings could not resume until after every unauthorized occupant had left the U.S. Capitol, and the building had been confirmed secured. The proceedings resumed at approximately 8:00 p.m. after the building had been secured. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

Korte's Participation in the January 6, 2021, Capitol Riot

8. On January 6, 2021, the defendant Brian Korte, traveled from Pennsylvania to Washington, D.C. to participate in the “stop the steal” rally. The defendant met up in Washington D.C. with other members of a Pennsylvania political group called Free PA.

9. At approximately 1:59 p.m., Korte was part of a crowd on the East Plaza of the U.S. Capitol. Members of the crowd were holding flags and signs. Korte was wearing a camouflage hat with “TRUMP” in white letters, a blue hoodie, and a camouflage backpack. Korte was carrying a flag on a pole.

10. When other members of the crowd removed metal security barriers used by the Capitol police to prevent unlawful access into the restricted area of the Capitol grounds, Korte went forward into the restricted area and climbed the steps to the East Rotunda door, while

officers of the U.S. Capitol Police attempted to prevent the crowd from advancing further and entering the building.

11. At approximately 2:40 p.m., Korte entered the U.S. Capitol building with a crowd of other people, at a time and place where lawful access to the building was restricted. Korte entered on the second floor on the east side of the building and proceeded to walk to several locations inside.

12. While inside the U.S. Capitol building, Korte entered the second floor Rotunda, a stairwell to the third floor, and a hallway on the third floor. Korte took photographs and/or videos with a phone while inside the Capitol.

13. Korte exited the Capitol building at approximately 2:51 p.m. through the same door that he had entered.

Elements of the Offense

14. Brian Korte knowingly and voluntarily admits to all the elements of Parading, Demonstrating or Picketing in a Capitol Building, a violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G). Specifically, Korte admits that he was inside the U.S. Capitol building knowing that he did not have permission to be inside. Korte further admits that while inside the Capitol, he willfully and knowingly paraded or demonstrated.

Respectfully submitted,

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DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Brian Korte, have read this Statement of the Offense and have discussed it with my attorney. I fully understand this Statement of the Offense. I agree and acknowledge by my signature that this Statement of the Offense is true and accurate. I do this voluntarily and of my own free will. No threats have been made to me nor am I under the influence of anything that could impede my ability to understand this Statement of the Offense fully.

Date: 1/22/23

Brian Korte
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Defendant

ATTORNEY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read this Statement of the Offense and have reviewed it with my client fully. I concur in my client's desire to adopt this Statement of the Offense as true and accurate.

Date: 1-26-2023

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