

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Case No. 22-CR-30 (TJK)
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v.	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)
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ROBERT THOMAS SNOW,	:	
also known as “Bob Snow”	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

STATEMENT OF OFFENSE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11, the United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the defendant, ROBERT THOMAS SNOW, 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 twenty-four hours a day by U.S. Capitol Police (USCP). Restrictions around the Capitol include permanent and temporary security barriers and posts manned by USCP. Only authorized people with appropriate identification are allowed access inside the Capitol.

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

3. On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the 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 Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020

Presidential Election, which had taken place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The joint session began at approximately 1:00 PM. Shortly thereafter, by approximately 1:30 PM, 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 Capitol. Temporary and permanent barricades, as noted above, were in place around the exterior of the Capitol, and USCP officers were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol and the proceedings underway inside.

5. At approximately 2:00 PM, certain individuals in the crowd forced their way through, up, and over the barricades. Officers of the USCP were forced to retreat 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 as required by USCP officers or other authorized security officials.

6. At such time, the certification proceedings were still underway, and the exterior doors and windows of the Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the USCP attempted to maintain order and keep the crowd from entering the Capitol; however, shortly after 2:00 PM, individuals in the crowd forced entry into the 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 Capitol, requiring the expenditure of more than \$1.4 million dollars for repairs.

7. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 2:20 PM, members of the House of Representatives and of the 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 PM on January 6, 2021. In light of the dangerous circumstances caused by the unlawful entry to the Capitol—including the danger posed by individuals who had entered the Capitol without any security screening or weapons check—Congressional proceedings could not resume until after every unauthorized occupant had been removed from or left the Capitol, and USCP confirmed that the building was secured. The proceedings resumed at approximately 8:00 PM after the building had been secured. Vice President Pence remained in the Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

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

8. Defendant, ROBERT THOMAS SNOW, lives in Heber Springs, Arkansas. On January 5, 2021, SNOW drove himself from his home to Washington, D.C. While driving, SNOW met a large caravan of Texas residents at a Tennessee gas station. Like SNOW, the caravan was traveling to Washington, D.C to hear President Trump speak. SNOW exchanged contact information with the Texas caravan using an app on his cellular phone. SNOW communicated with the caravan during the remainder of his drive to Washington, D.C.

9. On January 6, 2021, SNOW attended the “Stop the Steal” rally at the Ellipse. At approximately 1:15 p.m., SNOW walked with a crowd toward the U.S. Capitol. While on the Capitol grounds, SNOW observed several chaotic scenes involving Metropolitan Police Officers using chemical munitions for crowd control. SNOW observed several individuals becoming violent toward police and other government personnel.

10. At approximately 2:13 p.m. the Senate Wing Door of the U.S. Capitol building was breached when rioters broke the glass windows on either side of the door, climbed inside the building, and then kicked the door open from the inside. A stream of people proceeded to enter the building through the door and the broken windows.

11. At approximately 2:15 p.m., SNOW entered the U.S. Capitol building through the Senate Wing Door while talking on his cell phone. Once inside, SNOW walked upstairs through multiple locations including the Rotunda and Statuary Hall and then made his way up another set of stairs to the third floor.

12. At approximately 2:49 p.m., SNOW was encountered by law enforcement officers with weapons drawn in a hallway on the third floor. The officers directed SNOW and others present to get on the floor. SNOW complied and was patted down for weapons. No weapons were found, and the officers directed SNOW and the others to leave.

13. SNOW exited the U.S. Capitol building through the East Rotunda Doors at approximately 2:58 p.m.

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Elements of the Offense

14. ROBERT THOMAS SNOW knowingly and voluntarily admits to all the elements of Parading, Demonstrating or Picketing in a Capitol Building pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G). Specifically, SNOW admits that he willfully and knowingly entered the U.S. Capitol building knowing that that he did not have permission to do so. SNOW further admits that while inside the Capitol, he willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, or picketed.

Respectfully submitted,

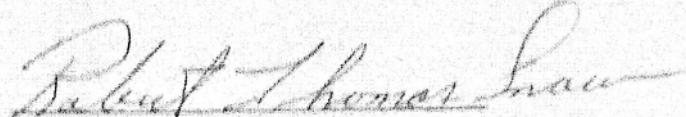
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DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, ROBERT THOMAS SNOW, 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.

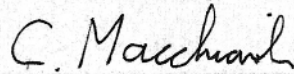
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ROBERT THOMAS SNOW
Defendant

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: 3/3/2022


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