

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on November 18, 2022

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
	:	
v.	:	
	:	VIOLATIONS:
BRIAN PRELLER,	:	18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)
	:	(Civil Disorder)
JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY,	:	18 U.S.C. § 641, 2
	:	(Theft of Government Property, Aiding
AND JOSEPH PAVLIK,	:	and Abetting)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)
Defendants.	:	(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted
	:	Building or Grounds)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
	:	(Entering and Remining in a Restricted
	:	Building or Grounds with a Deadly or
	:	Dangerous Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)
	:	(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A)
	:	(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds with a
	:	Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(4)
	:	(Engaging in Physical Violence in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A)
	:	(Engaging in Physical Violence in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds with a
	:	Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(E)
	:	(Impeding Passage Through the Capitol
	:	Grounds or Buildings)
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INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **BRIAN PRELLER, JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY**, and **JOSEPH PAVLIK** committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his/her official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way and degree obstructed, delayed, and adversely affected commerce and the movement of any article and commodity in commerce and the conduct and performance of any federally protected function.

(Civil Disorder, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 231(a)(3))

COUNT TWO

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY**, did embezzle, steal, purloin, knowingly convert to his use and the use of another, and without authority, sold, conveyed and disposed of any record, voucher, money and thing of value of the United States and any department and agency thereof, that is, a United States Capitol Police riot shield, which has a value of less than \$1000.

(Theft of Government Property and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641 and 2)

COUNT THREE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY** 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 or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1))

COUNT FOUR

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **BRIAN PRELLER** 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, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a long black stick and chemical irritant.

(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT FIVE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH PAVLIK** 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, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a

chemical irritant.

(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT SIX

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY** 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 or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2))

COUNT SEVEN

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **BRIAN PRELLER** 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, and during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a long black stick and chemical irritant.

(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT EIGHT

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH PAVLIK** 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, and during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a chemical irritant.

(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT NINE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY** did knowingly engage in any act of physical violence against any person and property 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.

(Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(4))

COUNT TEN

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **BRIAN PRELLER**, did knowingly engage in any act of physical violence against any person and property 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, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a long black stick and chemical irritant.

(Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT ELEVEN

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **JOSEPH PAVLIK**, did knowingly engage in any act of physical violence against any person and property 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, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a chemical irritant.

(Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A))

COUNT TWELVE

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **BRIAN PRELLER, JOHN EDWARD CROWLEY**, and **JOSEPH PAVLIK**, willfully and knowingly obstructed, and impeded passage through and within, the United States Capitol Grounds and any of the Capitol Buildings.

(Impeding Passage Through the Capitol Grounds or Buildings, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(E))

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

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and for the District of Columbia.