

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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
	:	
v.	:	MAGISTRATE NO.
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ZACHARY JOHNSON, and	:	VIOLATIONS:
DION RAJEWSKI,	:	18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3) and 2
	:	(Civil Disorder)
Defendants.	:	18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) and (b) and 2
	:	(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding
	:	Certain Officers Using a Dangerous
	:	Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A) and 2
	:	(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted
	:	Building or Grounds with a Deadly or
	:	Dangerous Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A) and 2
	:	(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds with a
	:	Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(4) and (b)(1)(A) and 2
	:	(Engaging in Physical Violence in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds with a
	:	Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)
	:	(Disorderly Conduct in
	:	a Capitol Building

MOTION TO SEAL INDICTMENT

The United States of America, by and through the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, respectfully moves for an order to place and maintain under seal, until the Arrest Warrants are executed, the Indictment and Arrest Warrants in the above-captioned matter, this Motion and Supporting Memorandum, the proposed Order attached to this Motion, and any

Order granting this motion. In support thereof, the government states as follows:

1. The United States is investigating allegations that Zachary Johnson and Dion Rajewski, (collectively, “Defendants”), willfully and knowingly entered and remain in the restricted buildings or grounds of the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021 without legal authority and participated in violent and disorderly conduct in violation 18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1), 231(a)(3), 1752(a)(1), (2) and (4) and 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D).

2. The public disclosure of the Government’s evidence could compromise the integrity of the investigation, including the ability of the United States to locate and arrest the defendants, which also may lead to the destruction of evidence in other locations including digital devices. Thus, a sealing order is necessary to avoid hindering the ongoing investigation in this matter.

2. As stated in Washington Post v. Robinson, 935 F.2d 282, 288 (D.C. Cir. 1999), there is a presumption of access to Court proceedings. But, this can be overridden if ““(1) closure serves a compelling interest; (2) there is a substantial probability that, in the absence of closure, this compelling interest would be harmed; and (3) there are no alternatives to closure that would adequately protect the compelling interest.”” Id. at 290 (quoting Oregonian Pub. Co. v. United States Dist. Court, 920 F.2d 1462, 1466 (9th Cir. 1990)).

3. In this matter, the United States has a compelling interest in preserving the integrity of its investigation and arresting the defendants. A limited sealing order ensuring that filings related to the Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrant are not accessible from the Court’s public files is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling interest.

4. Furthermore, the United States respectfully submits that complying with the

normal notice requirements of Washington Post would defeat the purpose of the motion to seal. Persons who know the criminal justice system also know that docketing a motion to seal an Indictment and Arrest Warrant, or a resulting sealing order, means that the defendants are charged with a crime, and the Government intends to arrest her. Thus, if this Motion or a sealing order were to become public, it would be the same as making public the Indictment and Arrest Warrant.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court issue an Order directing that the Clerk of the Court place and maintain under seal, until execution of the Arrest Warrant, the Indictment, this Motion and Supporting Memorandum, the proposed Order attached to this Motion, and any Order granting this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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