

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
District of Columbia

United States of America

v.

JOHN D. ANDRIES

**Date of Birth:** XX/XX/XXXX*Defendant(s)*

Case: 1:21-mj-00175

Assigned to: Judge Faruqui, Zia M

Assign Date: 1/28/2021

Description: COMPLAINT W/ARREST WARRANT

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 6, 2021 in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

18 U.S.C. 1752(a)(1)&(2) - Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or  
Grounds Without Lawful Authority

40 U.S.C. 5104(e)(2)(D)(E)&(G) - Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached statement of facts.

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*Printed name and title*

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1  
by telephone.

Date: 01/28/2021




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*Judge's signature*

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Zia M. Faruqui, U.S. Magistrate Judge

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*Printed name and title*

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so since January 2019. I am assigned to the FBI Washington Field Office, and I am currently tasked with investigating criminal activity in and around the Capitol grounds. As a Special Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States and am authorized to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

The U.S. Capitol 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 were allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was also closed to members of the public.

On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the United States Capitol, which is located at First Street, S.E., 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 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.

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

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 around 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts.

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 Mike Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, the joint session of the United States Congress was effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the sessions resumed.

During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of

violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there.

On January 17, 2021, the FBI received an online tip from a tipster (hereinafter “Witness-1” or “W-1”) who stated that he/she was watching the news during the Capitol insurrection and recognized a suspect but “wasn’t sure it was him.” He/she had heard that the suspect was at the Capitol, however. An FBI agent contacted W-1 that same day by telephone. During the interview, W-1 stated that he/she was watching television and recognized JOHN DANIEL ANDRIES in a crowd of people at the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021. W-1 said that he/she last saw ANDRIES about two years ago and knew him through a mutual friend. W-1 provided the FBI agent with ANDRIES’s address and telephone number, which your Affiant confirmed are registered to ANDRIES. W-1 stated that ANDRIES served in the military, which your Affiant later confirmed. He/she also stated that ANDRIES has multiple arrests for DUI, which your Affiant also confirmed.

W-1 provided a link to a YouTube video from @BGOnTheScene and identified ANDRIES at the 13:19 minute mark.<sup>1</sup> A screenshot from the video at that approximate time is below:

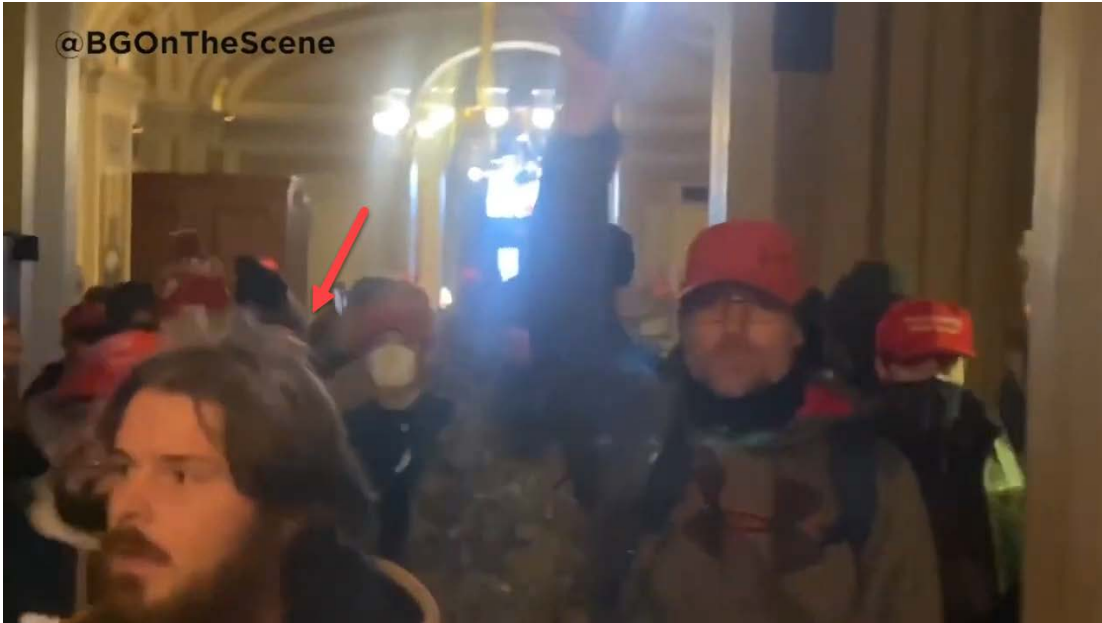


ANDRIES appears to have long light brown hair and a full beard and is wearing a khaki-color jacket, black shirt or sweatshirt, and backpack.

W-1 also provided a screenshot to the FBI that W-1 captured from the YouTube video and identified ANDRIES as in the front left-hand corner. The screenshot is below:

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<sup>1</sup> The YouTube video titled “Photographer, Brendan Gutenschwager, shares video of siege on the US Capitol” was publicly accessible at <https://youtu.be/gTurnetBh4A> as of January 21, 2021.



An FBI agent conducted surveillance of ANDRIES on January 21, 2021. He saw ANDRIES outside carrying a jacket that appeared to resemble the khaki-colored jacket that ANDRIES wore inside the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021. The FBI agent recognized ANDRIES from the photographs and videos from the U.S. Capitol building.

On January 25, 2021, another FBI agent interviewed a Deputy Sheriff with the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office (hereinafter "Witness-2" or "W-2"). W-2 stated that he/she responded to ANDRIES's house on January 11, 2021, in response to an unrelated police report. When W-2 arrived, ANDRIES was home and W-2 interviewed ANDRIES. The FBI agent showed W-2 the screenshots above and below from inside the U.S. Capitol building. W-2 looked at the screenshots and identified ANDRIES, stating, "It looks like him." W-2 remembered that ANDRIES had distinct shaggy hair and a beard.

While viewing the @BGOnTheScene YouTube video provided by W-1, your Affiant recognized ANDRIES in several other video clips both inside and outside the U.S. Capitol building with other rioters. At the beginning of the video (at approximately 10:21), ANDRIES can be seen on the steps outside of the U.S. Capitol Building with a large crowd. The crowd is attempting to break down the metal barriers to the building, as police officers try to hold them back.



Approximately 30 seconds later, the crowd breaks through the barriers and heads toward the Capitol building. ANDRIES can be seen walking up the stairs to the building (at approximately 10:53). Eventually, the crowd enters the building and ANDRIES can be seen inside the building with the other rioters (at 13:19).

Your Affiant also reviewed video surveillance footage from U.S. Capitol Police (“the USCP video”). The USCP video footage shows ANDRIES enter the U.S. Capitol building through a broken window.



As seen in the @BGOnTheScene video, once he was inside the building, ANDRIES appears to be part of a crowd that is attempting to push past U.S. Capitol Police officers. At one point, ANDRIES turns to the crowd and waves his arms in a back-and-forth motion.



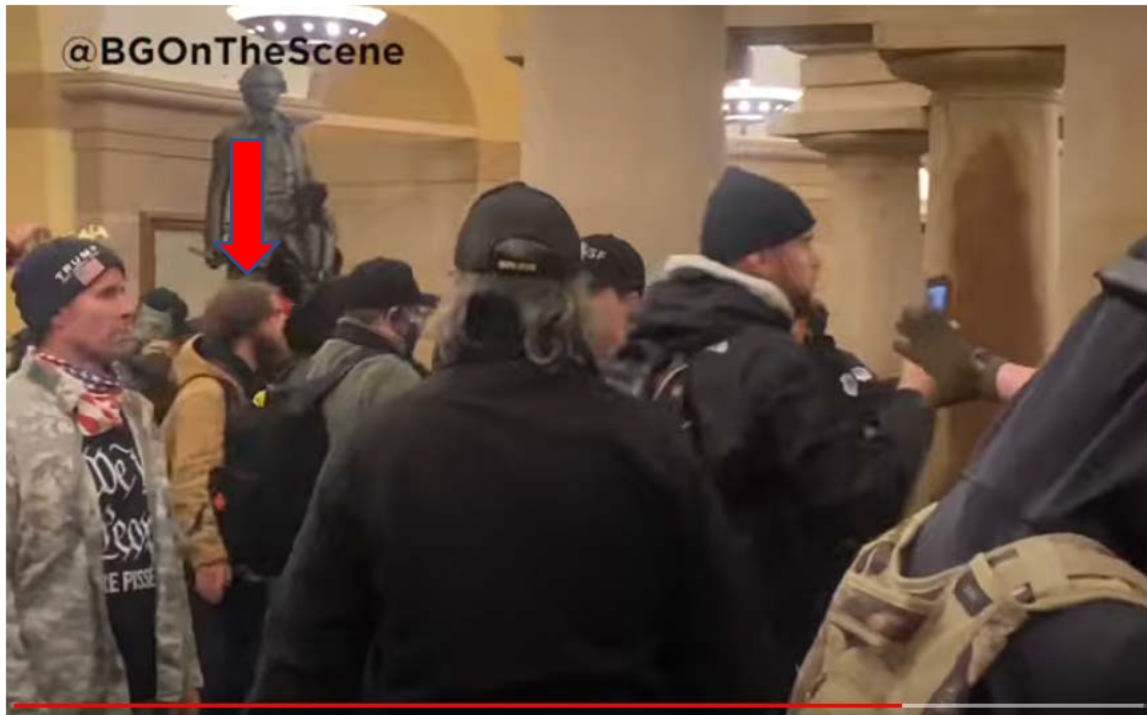


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The next video clips from @BGOOnTheScene show ANDRIES near the front of the crowd near the officers.



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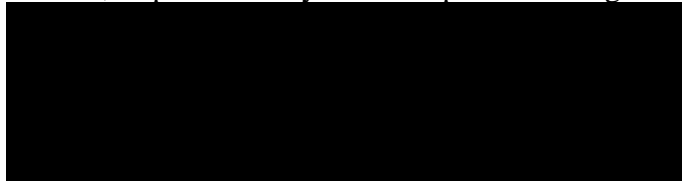
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The USCP video further shows ANDRIES walk up to USCP officers several times and get within inches of them. He also appears to be moving his arms in an up-and-down motion as he faces the crowd.



Your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that JOHN DANIEL ANDRIES violated 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), which makes it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do so; and (2) knowingly, and with intent to impede or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions, engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct in, or within such proximity to, any restricted building or grounds when, or so that, such conduct, in fact, impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions; or attempt or conspire to do so. For purposes of Section 1752 of Title 18, a “restricted building” includes a posted, cordoned off, or otherwise restricted area of a building or grounds where the President or other person protected by the Secret Service, including the Vice President, is or will be temporarily visiting; or any building or grounds so restricted in conjunction with an event designated as a special event of national significance.

Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that JOHN DANIEL ANDRIES violated 40 U.S.C. 5104(e)(2)(D), (E), (G), which makes it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct, at any place in the Grounds or in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress or either House of Congress, or the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before, or any deliberations of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress; (E) obstruct, or impede passage through or within, the Grounds or any of the Capitol Buildings; and (G) parade, demonstrate, or picket in any of the Capitol Buildings.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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ZIA M. FARUQUI  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-00175</b>
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<b>JOHN D. ANDRIES,</b>	:	
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<b>Defendant.</b>	:	<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)</b>
	:	<b>(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted</b>
	:	<b>Building)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)</b>
	:	<b>(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a</b>
	:	<b>Restricted Building)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)</b>
	:	<b>(Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct at</b>
	:	<b>the Grounds and in a Capitol Building)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(E)</b>
	:	<b>(Impeding Passage Through the Capitol</b>
	:	<b>Grounds or Buildings)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)</b>
	:	<b>(Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct at</b>
	:	<b>the Grounds and in a Capitol Building</b>

**INFORMATION**

The United States Attorney charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOHN D. ANDRIES**, did knowingly enter and remain in the United States Capitol, a restricted building, 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, **JOHN D. ANDRIES**, knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and

official functions, engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, the United States Capitol, a restricted building, 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, **JOHN D. ANDRIES**, willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct at any place in the Grounds and in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, and disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress or either House of Congress.

**(Violent Entry and Disorderly Conduct at the Grounds and 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, **JOHN D. ANDRIES** 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))

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **JOHN D. ANDRIES**, willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, and picketed in a Capitol Building.

**(Parading, Demonstrating, and Picketing in a Capitol Building**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G))

Respectfully submitted,

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