



PRESS RELEASE

Oregon Man Arrested for Assault on Law Enforcement during Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

U.S. Attorney's Office, District of
Columbia

Defendant Pushed Against and Struck Officers, Broke Metal Barriers

Note: A full copy of the charging document can be viewed

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WASHINGTON — An Oregon man was arrested for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, which disrupted a Joint Session of the U.S. Congress in the process of ascertaining and counting the electoral votes related to the Presidential election.

Reed Knox Christensen, 62, of Hillsboro, is charged with federal offenses that include forcibly assaulting, resisting, impeding or interfering with law enforcement; engaging in an act of physical violence in a Capitol building; and entering or remaining on restricted grounds without lawful authority, among other charges. Christensen made his initial court appearance in the District of Oregon this afternoon.

According to court documents, Christensen was on the Lower West Terrace of the Capitol grounds where U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) were protecting the building from rioters.

Surveillance and body worn camera (BWC) footage shows Christensen striking and pushing officers and initiating the aggressive removal of metal bike rack barriers. At approximately 2:20 p.m., Christensen tried to breach the barrier when a Metropolitan Police Department Officer (MPD) sprayed him with a chemical irritant. Despite the spray to his face, Christensen charged through the perimeter, away from officers, and struck a USCP officer with his fists.

The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia and the Department of Justice National Security Division's Counterterrorism Section. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Oregon.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office, who listed Christensen as #191 on their seeking information photos, as well as the MPD with significant assistance provided by the FBI's Portland Field Office. Christensen was one of the 10 assaults featured in FBI seeking information videos released in March, and he's the first one of those 10 to be arrested

In the first 100 days after Jan. 6, 2021, over 400 individuals have been charged with crimes related to the Capitol breach, including over 100 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement. The investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone with tips can call 1-800-CALL-FBI (800-225-5324) or visit tips.fbi.gov.

The charges contained in any criminal complaint or indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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