



PRESS RELEASE

Self-Identified Proud Boy Arrested for Violent Entry and Obstruction of Justice during Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendant “Led the Storm,” and Bragged in Facebook Messages to Other Users

WASHINGTON — Today, agents with the FBI’s Newark Field Office arrested a New Jersey man and self-identified Proud Boy for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 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.

Shawn Price, 26, of Rockaway, New Jersey, is charged with federal offenses that include violent entry and disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds; obstruction of law enforcement during a civil disorder; and obstruction of justice. Price made his initial court appearance this afternoon in the District of New Jersey.

According to court documents, Price is a member of the Proud Boys, a group self-described as a “pro-Western fraternal organization for men who refuse to apologize for creating the modern world; aka Western Chauvinists.” As alleged, Price held a leadership position in the northern New Jersey chapter and attended multiple events and rallies from November 2020 to January

2021. As depicted in photographs taken at the Capitol on Jan. 6, Price was on the lower west terrace helping to push other individuals forward into a line of law enforcement officers while the officers resisted and deployed a chemical irritant in an apparent attempt to disperse the crowd. In addition, on Jan. 6, Price sent Facebook messages to other users stating, “I led the storm!”, “[I] got really f***** up but me and 4 of my chapter brothers pushed that line and started it ourselves had to be done.”

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 New Jersey.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Washington and Newark Field Offices, as well as the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 150 days since Jan. 6, approximately 465 individuals have been arrested on charges related to the Jan. 6 Capitol breach, including over 130 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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Attachment

[Price Complaint & Affidavit](#) [PDF, 5 MB]

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