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**PRESS RELEASE**

# Texas 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 Accused of Grabbing Police Baton, Attacking Officer in a Violent Struggle That Knocked Officer to Ground

WASHINGTON — A Texas man was arrested yesterday for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, which disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress that was in the process of ascertaining and counting the electoral votes related to the presidential election.

Robert Wayne Dennis, 61, of Garland, is charged with engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds, civil disorder, and assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers, among other charges. He was arrested on Oct. 20, 2021, in Garland. He is to make his initial court appearance on Oct. 22, 2021, in the Northern District of Texas.

According to court documents, Dennis was captured on video on Jan. 6 near the stairs to the Upper West Terrace of the Capitol. Officers from the Metropolitan Police Department formed a police line to act as a barrier against the crowd. While law enforcement officers were attempting to control the crowd, numerous people began charging and striking them, including Dennis. At approximately 2:51 p.m., Dennis charged the line of officers. One officer, identified in

court documents as “Officer J.S.,” attempted to use a baton to push him away. Dennis grabbed another officer’s baton and took “Officer J.S.” to the ground after a violent struggle in which he threw punches at the officer. During the struggle, the baton belonging to “Officer J.S.” was knocked out of his hands.

This 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 Northern District of Texas.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Dallas Field Office, as well as the FBI’s Washington Field Office and the Metropolitan Police Department. Significant assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police.

In the nine months since Jan. 6, more than 650 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 190 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](https://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

[Robert Wayne Dennis -Charging Documents](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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