



PRESS RELEASE

South Carolina Man Pleads Guilty to Assault on Law Enforcement During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

Defendant Admits Throwing Dangerous Objects at Officers

WASHINGTON – A South Carolina man pleaded guilty today to a charge of assaulting law enforcement with a dangerous weapon during 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.

According to court documents, Nicholas Languerand, 26, of Little River, S.C., was among rioters standing near the archway leading from the Lower West Terrace to the interior of the U.S. Capitol. Between 4:50 and 5 p.m., he threw various objects at officers with the U.S. Capitol Police and Metropolitan Police Department, including an orange traffic barrier and two stick-like objects. The officers were protecting the Lower West Terrace entrance. Based on the size and weight of the objects, as well as the speed and force with which Languerand threw them, the items were capable of inflicting serious bodily injury. Additionally, at about 5 p.m., Languerand took possession of a police riot shield, struck it against the ground, and then held it in front of him as he confronted police.

Languerand was arrested on April 15. He is to be sentenced on Jan. 20, 2022, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

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 South Carolina. The case was investigated by the FBI's Washington and Columbia, S.C. Field Offices. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

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.

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Attachments

[Nicholas Languerand - Plea Agreement](#) [PDF, 534 KB]

[Nicholas Languerand - Statement of Offense](#) [PDF, 509 KB]

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