



PRESS RELEASE

Michigan Man Charged With 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 Using Chemical Spray Against Officers

WASHINGTON — A Michigan man has been charged with assaulting law enforcement with a dangerous weapon and other 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.

Tim Levon Boughner, 41, of Romeo, Michigan, is charged with engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds, civil disorder, and assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers with a dangerous weapon, among other charges. Boughner was arrested on Dec. 7, 2021, in Lapeer County, Michigan, and made his initial court appearance today in the Eastern District of Michigan. He remains held pending a detention hearing on Dec. 9, 2021.

According to court documents, video footage depicts Boughner among a crowd of rioters at the Capitol. At approximately 2:33 p.m., he used a chemical spray against the officers. Around this time, people in the crowd were throwing objects and deploying multiple chemical sprays against law enforcement officers who were attempting to secure the building. One minute later,

Boughner again used the chemical spray against the officers. Later, he posted on social media about his actions that day. In a post on Jan. 6, he stated that he “started spraying” at the Capitol and “f---- those cops up.” On Feb. 17, he posted, “I have to share. My life has not been the same since this day ... I still don’t know how I ended up on the capital steps having a pepper spray fight with the capital police.”

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 Eastern District of Michigan.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Detroit Field Office, along with the FBI’s Washington Field Office, which identified Boughner as #337 in its seeking information photos. Valuable assistance was provided by the Michigan State Police, the Metropolitan Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police.

In the 11 months since Jan. 6, more than 700 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 220 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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Attachments

[Boughner, Tim - Redacted Complaint](#) [PDF, 215 KB]

[Boughner, Tim - Redacted Statement of Facts](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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