



PRESS RELEASE

Tennessee Man Arrested on Felony Charges Related to Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendant Accused of Assaulting Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON — A Tennessee man was arrested today following his indictment for assaulting law enforcement during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, 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.

Joshua Lee Hernandez, also known as “Ace Hernandez,” 28, of Memphis, Tennessee, is charged in an indictment filed in the District of Columbia with assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers, civil disorder, engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds, and related offenses. He was arrested in Memphis and made his initial appearance today in the Western District of Tennessee.

According to court documents, Hernandez was among rioters who assaulted law enforcement on Jan. 6 and who entered the Capitol building.

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 Western District of Tennessee.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Memphis Field Office and the FBI's Washington Field Office, which identified Hernandez as #27 in its seeking information photos. Valuable assistance was provided by the Metropolitan Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police.

In the 13 months since Jan. 6, more than 750 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 235 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.

An indictment or complaint is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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Attachment

[Hernandez Indictment](#) [PDF, 118 KB]

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