



PRESS RELEASE

Idaho Man Sentenced to 51 Months in Prison For Assaulting Law Enforcement and Obstruction in Capitol Breach

Friday, March 4, 2022

For Immediate Release

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

Defendant Used a Pipe to Strike an Officer, Participated in Other Attacks on Jan. 6

WASHINGTON – Duke Edward Wilson, 67, of Nampa, Idaho, was sentenced today to 51 months in prison for assaulting a law enforcement officer and other actions 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 for the presidential election.

According to court documents, Wilson went to the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 wearing a dark-colored jacket with a long-sleeved blue shirt underneath and a purple and white baseball hat that read, “CNN,” with the words, “FAKE NEWS” underneath it. He entered the Lower West Terrace tunnel area of the U.S Capitol Building shortly before 3 p.m. At that time, the crowd was pushing against law enforcement officers in efforts to enter the building, while spraying liquid irritants toward the officers as they pushed on the officers’ shields.

Wilson made his way to the front line of the crowd, and as officers tried to close a set of double doors, he grabbed for them and tried to pull the door open. He then raised what

appeared to be a tablet device to deflect the liquid irritant officers were spraying at the crowd. Wilson then picked up a several feet long white cylindrical object, believed to be a thin polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe, and indiscriminately used it to strike at the officers, hitting one. Wilson then raised the object above his head and threw it into the line of officers. As the confrontation continued, he also assisted others in attempting to pull a shield away from an officer. During a struggle over the shield, he pushed an officer to the ground and then joined others in pushing another officer.

Wilson was arrested on April 15, 2021. He pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia on Sept. 7, 2021, to obstruction of an official proceeding and assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers. In addition to the prison term, Judge Royce C. Lamberth ordered him to pay \$2,000 in restitution. He also must serve three years of supervised release following his prison term.

The case was 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 Idaho.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office, which identifies Wilson as #87 in its seeking information photos, with assistance from the U.S. Capitol Police, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), and the FBI's Salt Lake City Field Office.

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.

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