



PRESS RELEASE

Florida Man Arrested For Assaulting Law Enforcement Officers During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

Thursday, April 21, 2022

For Immediate Release

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

Defendant Accused of Spraying Officers With Chemical Irritant

WASHINGTON — A Florida man was arrested today for assaulting law enforcement officers with a dangerous weapon during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. His and others' actions disrupted a joint session of the U.S. Congress convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the presidential election.

Barry Ramey, 38, of Plantation, Florida, is charged in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with assaulting, resisting, or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon, civil disorder, engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds with a dangerous weapon, and related offenses. He was arrested in Plantation, Florida, and is scheduled to make his initial appearance tomorrow in the Southern District of Florida.

According to court documents, on Jan. 6, Ramey was among a crowd of rioters illegally gathered at the west side of the Capitol Building. At approximately 1:48 p.m., several U.S. Capitol Police officers were attempting to block rioters' access to the stairwell leading from the Lower West Terrace to the Upper West Terrace of the building. Ramey was in a group that

pushed forward into the officers, pushing them back and up the stairwell. He sprayed two officers in the face and eyes with an orange substance that is consistent with pepper spray. Both officers reported that the spray caused them to become disoriented and have their vision impaired.

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 Southern District of Florida.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Miami Field Office and the FBI's Washington Field Office, which identified Ramey as #329 in its seeking information photos. Valuable assistance was provided by the Metropolitan Police Department and the U.S. Capitol Police.

In the 15 months since Jan. 6, 2021, nearly 800 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 250 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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Attachments

[Ramey Complaint](#) [PDF, 190 KB]

[Ramey Statement of Facts](#) [PDF, 802 KB]

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