



PRESS RELEASE

Pennsylvania Man Pleads Guilty to Felony Charge for Actions During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

Defendant Joined Crowd Pushing Against Officers in Rotunda Area

WASHINGTON — A Pennsylvania man pleaded guilty today to a felony charge for his actions during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. His actions and the actions of others 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.

Kenneth Grayson, 53, of Bridgeville, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder.

According to court documents, Grayson attended a rally at the Ellipse on Jan. 6, 2021, and then walked towards the Capitol, where he illegally entered the grounds. He then approached the Capitol Building. Law enforcement officers were attempting to prevent people from entering. Grayson entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing doors at approximately 2:20 p.m. and proceeded to the Crypt. He also entered the Rotunda area, where a mob of rioters began standing in front of a row of law enforcement officers. The mob began pushing against

officers to gain access to the adjoining hall. Grayson joined the rear of this group that began pushing into the officers.

While he was inside the Capitol, Grayson live-streamed video on his Facebook account. He exited the Capitol at approximately 3:07 p.m.

Grayson was arrested on Jan. 26, 2021, in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania. He is to be sentenced on Dec. 19, 2022. He faces a statutory maximum of five years in prison and potential financial penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

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 Pennsylvania.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Pittsburgh Field Office. Valuable assistance was provided by the FBI's Washington Field Office, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the U.S. Capitol Police.

In the 20 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 870 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 265 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

[Grayson - Plea Agreement](#) [PDF, 937 KB]

[Grayson - Statement of Offense](#) [PDF, 1 MB]

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