



PRESS RELEASE

Ohio Man Arrested on Felony and Misdemeanor Charges For Actions During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

Church Pastor is Accused of Pushing Against Police Barricades

WASHINGTON — An Ohio man was arrested today on felony and misdemeanor charges 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 convened to ascertain and count the electoral votes related to the presidential election.

William Dunfee, 57, of Frazeesburg, Ohio, is charged in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder and obstruction of an official proceeding, both felonies. He also is charged with five misdemeanor offenses. Dunfee was arrested in Frazeesburg. He is to make his initial appearance today in the Southern District of Ohio.

According to court documents, Dunfee is a church pastor in Warsaw, Ohio. On Dec. 27, 2020, in a video on the church's Facebook page, he told his congregation, "The Government, the tyrants, the socialists, the Marxists, the progressives, the RINOs, they fear you. And they should. Our problem is we haven't given them reason to fear us." Later he stated, "As I said earlier in

another previous sermon is this, they used to tell us, you know what, you settle your differences at the ballot. How did that work out for us? It's not over." He added, "January 4th through 6th ... Are you ready?"

On Jan. 6, 2021, Dunfee illegally entered the Capitol grounds and, using a bull horn, he repeatedly addressed the crowd, saying, among other things, "We are taking our house." At approximately 1:44 p.m., Dunfee pushed a metal barricade against officers with the U.S. Capitol Police, who were attempting to hold the line. He pushed against the barricade a second time at approximately 1:58 p.m. He moved to the front of a crowd of rioters at the East Front entrance to the Capitol. Dunfee walked away from the East Front doors as others moved into the building, but he remained in the area. As rioters exited the building, one stated, "We did it. We shut 'em all down. We did our job." Dunfee responded, "Hallelujah," and later told the crowd, "Mission accomplished."

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 Ohio.

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

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.

A 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

[Dunfee - Complaint](#) [PDF, 89 KB]

[Dunfee - Statement of Offense](#) [PDF, 2 MB]

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