



PRESS RELEASE

New Jersey Woman Pleads Guilty to Felony Charge for Actions During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendant Encouraged Mob in Confrontations With Officers

WASHINGTON – A New Jersey woman pleaded guilty today to a felony charge for her actions during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Her 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 2020 presidential election.

Stephanie Hazelton, 50, of Medford, New Jersey, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to interfering with law enforcement officers during a civil disorder and aiding and abetting.

According to court documents, on Jan. 6, 2021, Hazelton illegally entered the Capitol grounds and joined in multiple confrontations with law enforcement officers. At approximately 2:45 p.m., she approached the west front of the Capitol building and joined a mob there. As she approached, she made various statements encouraging the crowd, including, “Let’s go! Move forward! They cannot stop us all,” and, “This is the battle. This is it. This is the battle.”

Hazelton then approached the Lower West Terrace, which was packed with rioters pushing forward against law enforcement officers who were attempting to prevent the mob from moving through a tunnel and into the Capitol building. From outside the tunnel, she turned towards rioters, and waved them up, encouraging more to move into the area. She moved to the front of the mob, which was pushing against the officers. As others in the crowd assaulted officers, Hazelton remained in the area, yelling, among other things, “We need more men! We need more men! Keep going!”

Hazelton was arrested on Jan. 22, 2021. She is to be sentenced on Feb. 1, 2023. She 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.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia and the Justice Department’s National Security Division are prosecuting the case, with valuable assistance provided by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of New Jersey.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Newark 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 21 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 880 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 270 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

[Hazelton - Plea Agreement](#) [PDF, 377 KB]

[Hazelton - Statement of Offense](#) [PDF, 249 KB]

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