



PRESS RELEASE

Georgia Man Found Guilty of Felony and Misdemeanor Charges Related to Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendant, a Practicing Attorney, Illegally Entered Capitol Within Minutes of the Initial Breach

WASHINGTON – A Georgia man was found guilty in the District of Columbia today of felony and misdemeanor charges for his actions during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol breach. 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 McCall Calhoun, 59, of Americus, Georgia, was found guilty yesterday of obstruction of an official proceeding, a felony, as well as entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, and parading, demonstrating, or picketing in a Capitol building. U.S. District Court Judge Dabney L. Friedrich heard the case and delivered her verdict. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for July 6, 2023.

According to the government's evidence, starting on January 6, 2021, local and Federal law enforcement received tips regarding an individual named McCall Calhoun, a practicing criminal defense attorney, who posted about his involvement in the Capitol Riot on Parler,

Facebook, and Twitter. Prior to January 6th, Calhoun posted about certification of the electoral college vote and the importance of being physically present in Washington, D.C. on January 6th.

Evidence obtained from Calhoun's social media and cellphone show that he attended the "Stop the Steal" rally on January 6th, then made his way to the Capitol building. Calhoun walked up the West side of the Capitol grounds, continuing even as smoke rose from the crowd and people were affected by tear gas. As he approached the Senate Wing Door, Calhoun stated, "This is it. We're storming the Capitol." Calhoun entered through the broken Senate Wing Door as an alarm blared. Calhoun walked through the Capitol, encountered a police line in the Crypt, and went back and forth from the Rotunda multiple times before ultimately leaving through the East side of the Capitol. One video depicts Calhoun amongst other rioters who pounded on doors and walls as they passed by members' offices. Calhoun stated in the video that they were "looking for people." Calhoun ultimately made it to the outside of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Office.

Later on the 6th, Calhoun posted on Facebook: "Today the American People proved we have the power. We physically took control of the Capitol building in a hand to hand hostile takeover. We occupied the Capitol and shut down the Government – we shut down their stolen election shenanigans . . ."

Calhoun was arrested on January 15, 2021, in Macon, Georgia.

The felony obstruction charge carries a statutory maximum of 20 years in prison and potential financial penalties. The offenses also carry potential financial penalties. The Court will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The case is being prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. Valuable assistance was provided by U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia.

The case was investigated by the FBI's Atlanta 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 22 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 999 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including over 320 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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