



PRESS RELEASE

California Man Sentenced for Assaulting Police Officers with Pepper Spray

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For Immediate Release

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

WASHINGTON – A California man was sentenced today for felony and misdemeanor charges – including assaulting police officers – 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.

Jeffrey Scott Brown, 56, of Santa Ana, California, was sentenced today to 54 months in prison for assaulting, resisting, or impeding law enforcements officers using a dangerous weapon, interfering with a law enforcement officer during a civil disorder, both felonies, entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon, engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds or buildings , and act of physical violence in the Capitol grounds or buildings. Brown and two co-defendants – Peter J. Schwartz and Markus Maly - were found guilty at trial on December 7, 2022.

According to the government's evidence, on Jan. 6, 2021, Brown was with Schwartz and Maly at the area of the Lower West Terrace of the Capitol Building. Brown was handed an O.C. spray canister by Schwartz who had stolen it from an MPD duffle bags. As the crowd heaved

against the makeshift police line, Brown tried to use the O.C. spray but couldn't figure out the nozzle. He passed it back to Schwartz, who appears to have shown Brown how to use it and passed it back. Brown then dove towards the front of the police line, spraying them with yet more OC spray.

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 Central District of California.

The case was investigated by the FBI's Washington and Los Angeles Field Offices. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 27 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,000 individuals have been arrested in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 320 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement. The investigation remains ongoing.

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