



PRESS RELEASE

Three Minnesota Men Arrested and Charged for Actions During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendants Charged with Obstruction of Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON — Three Minnesota men have been arrested and charged with a felony and related misdemeanor crimes stemming from their involvement in the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. Their 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.

Charged in court documents are Kenneth Wayne Fuller, 44, and Caleb Kenneth Fuller, 20, both of Cleveland, Minnesota. Also charged is Nicholas John Fuller, 40, of Mapleton, Minnesota. Caleb Fuller is the son of Kenneth Wayne Fuller, and Nicholas Fuller is the brother of Kenneth Wayne Fuller.

Each defendant is charged with one felony count of obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder and misdemeanor counts of knowingly entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority and disorderly conduct in a restricted building or grounds.

Defendant Kenneth Wayne Fuller was arrested today and will have his initial appearance in the District of Minnesota. Defendants Caleb and Nicholas John Fuller were previously arrested and made their initial appearance in the District of Minnesota last week.

According to court records, the defendants were captured on numerous law enforcement body-worn camera footage; specifically, those officers working on the exterior west plaza of the Capitol during the riot. Court documents state that all three defendants can be seen consistently in front of police lines at various locations along the west plaza between approximately 3:30 pm and 4:50 pm resisting police officer movement and activity.

In one body-worn camera video, law enforcement officers can be heard repeatedly instructing the crowd in front of them to get back. In response, Kenneth Fuller turned to the crowd behind him and allegedly yelled “Hey guys, they’re getting ready to push! They’re getting ready to push guys!” The police line then moved forward, using their shields to move the crowd down the stairs. Another body-worn camera video captured a different angle of this event that shows Kenneth Fuller turning and bracing his back and right arm against the police shields as the officers attempt to move Kenneth Fuller and the crowd down the stairs.

Court records state that body-worn camera footage shows that Kenneth Fuller, Nicholas Fuller, and Caleb Fuller began to descend the lower West Plaza steps at approximately 4:24 pm before walking back up the stairs towards the police line, where Kenneth and Nicholas Fuller allegedly took up a position directly in front of the police line.

Court documents state that after returning to the police line, Nicholas Fuller and Caleb Fuller can be seen on body-worn camera footage allegedly pushing against police lines and pushing others to prevent the forward movement of the officers.

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 District of Minnesota.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Washington and Minneapolis Field Offices. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police, the Metropolitan Police Department, and the Montgomery County Police Department.

In the 29 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 nearly 350 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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