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Former White House Advisor Convicted of Contempt of Congress

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

Defendant Defaulted on House Subpoena From Select Committee Investigating Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

WASHINGTON – Former White House advisor Peter K. Navarro, 72, of Washington, D.C., was found guilty today by a U.S. District Court jury of two counts of contempt of Congress stemming from his failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the United States House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

The announcement was made by U.S. Attorney Matthew M. Graves of the District of Columbia and Assistant Director in Charge David Sundberg, of the FBI's Washington Field Office. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12, 2024.

According to evidence presented at trial, on Feb. 9, 2022, the Select Committee issued a subpoena to Navarro. The subpoena required him to appear and produce documents to the Select Committee on Feb. 23, 2022, and to appear for a deposition before the Select Committee on March 2, 2022. Navarro refused to appear to give testimony as required by subpoena and refused to produce documents in compliance with a subpoena.

In its subpoena, the Select Committee said it had reason to believe that Navarro had information relevant to its investigation. Navarro, formerly an advisor to the President on various

trade and manufacturing policies, has been a private citizen since departing the White House on Jan. 20, 2021. He was indicted June 2, 2022.

Each count of contempt of Congress carries a minimum of 30 days and a maximum of one year in jail, as well as a fine of up to \$100,000. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office. It is being prosecuted by the Fraud, Public Corruption, and Civil Rights Section of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. It was tried by Assistant United States Attorneys Elizabeth Aloï and John Crabb Jr., supported by Paralegal Specialist Sonalika Chaturvedi.

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