



PRESS RELEASE

Kentucky Man Sentenced on 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 Broke a Window of the Capitol Using a Stick and His Fist

WASHINGTON – A Kentucky man was sentenced today on a felony charge for his actions during the breach of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. 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 2020 presidential election.

Kurt Peterson, 67, of Hodgenville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 45 days in prison, followed by two months of home incarceration by U.S. District Judge Carl J. Nichols. Peterson pleaded guilty to a felony offense of engaging in physical violence in a restricted building or grounds using or carrying a dangerous or deadly weapon on Sept. 21, 2022.

According to court documents, Davis traveled from his home in Kentucky to Washington, D.C., to attend the rally near the Ellipse and illegally entered the Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021.

Peterson illegally entered the Capitol grounds, along with a crowd, and stood near a line of law enforcement officers outside of the Capitol building. Peterson was then sprayed with a chemical spray. He then approached the Capitol building carrying a pointed wooden stick, which

he used to shatter the left pane of an exterior window and further broke the glass with his fist. The right pane had already been broken. While smashing the window, Peterson shouted, “This is our house! Let us in! Our house!”

At approximately 2:42 p.m., Peterson walked through the building of the Capitol known as the Speaker’s Lobby. He was present as other rioters shouted and banged on the door of the Speaker’s Lobby and was in view of the rioters when they broke the door of the Speaker’s Lobby. He remained in the general area of the Capitol until law enforcement arrived and forced the crowd out at approximately 2:56 p.m.

This case was 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 Western District of Kentucky.

This case was investigated by the FBI’s Louisville and Washington Field Offices, which identified Peterson as #313 on its seeking information photos. Significant assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 33 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,100 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 400 individuals charged with assaulting or impeding law enforcement, a felony. 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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