



PRESS RELEASE

Washington State “Proud Boy” Sentenced to Six Years in Prison for Actions During and After Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

Defendant Told Judge “You could give me 100 years and I would still do it all over again.”

WASHINGTON – A Washington state man was sentenced to prison today after he was found guilty of multiple felony and misdemeanor charges related to his conduct during and after 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.

Marc Anthony Bru, 44, of Vancouver, Washington, was sentenced to 72 months – or six years – in prison and 36 months of supervised release, as well as a fine of \$7,946 and \$2,000 in restitution, by U.S. District Chief Judge James E. Boasberg. Bru was found guilty of two felonies, including obstruction of an official proceeding and civil disorder, and five misdemeanor charges following a bench trial before Judge Boasberg on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023.

According to court documents, on Jan. 5, 2021, Bru, a member of the Proud Boys, flew from Portland, Oregon, to Washington, D.C. The next morning, ready for violence, Bru donned a pair of clear goggles and a neck gaiter to hide his face and headed to the National Mall. On the morning

of Jan. 6, 2021, Bru gathered with other members of the Proud Boys on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. Intent on obstructing the certification of the Electoral College vote, Bru, along with the group of Proud Boys, did not attend the former president's "Stop the Steal" rally and instead marched to the grounds of the U.S. Capitol.

Bru was among the first to breach the restricted perimeter on the west side of the Capitol grounds. At approximately 12:58 p.m., Bru joined the first wave of rioters to breach the restricted perimeter near Peace Circle, and, in doing so, walked over downed metal bike rack barricades and "Area Closed" signs in his path. Bru then quickly made his way to the front of the mob on the West Plaza, where he spent nearly two hours verbally harassing a group of U.S. Capitol Police (USCP) officers. In one such instance, Bru pointed at the officers and repeatedly yelled, "You'll die for the corporation!"

At one point, as police officers attempted to secure the area with bike rack barricades, Bru rushed in to join a struggle between rioters and police. Bru used his full body weight to push back against the bike rack barricade that police were attempting to use to re-establish control of a small area on the West Plaza. The officers attempted to repel Bru with pepper spray but were ultimately unsuccessful.

Eventually, the police line broke in other locations, and the mob of rioters, including Bru, surged forward up the steps of the Capitol to the Upper West Terrace. Bru made his way to the exterior Upper West Terrace Doors and joined other rioters in chanting, "Let us in!" as alarms sounded overhead. Bru entered the building at approximately 2:35 p.m.

In under ten minutes, Bru made his way through the Rotunda, up the Gallery Stairs, and to the Senate Gallery. While standing in the Senate Gallery, Bru took several selfies with the empty Senate Floor in the background — the floor from which, just twenty minutes prior, Secret Service agents had evacuated the Vice President, his family, Senators, and their staffs. In one of the selfies, Bru flashed a hand sign associated with the Proud Boys.

After spending several minutes inside the evacuated Senate Chamber, Bru journeyed over to the Ohio Clock Corridor, where he ran into a line of Capitol Police officers engaged in a stand-off with other rioters. Bru observed the scene for a while before turning around and leaving the corridor. He then exited the Capitol through the Senate Carriage Doors. In total, Bru spent approximately thirteen minutes inside the building.

Approximately six weeks later, Bru tried to organize a violent insurrection against the local government in Portland, Oregon, urging others to fight the police, ignore the courts, and disable the government's ability to communicate.

Bru was arrested on March 30, 2021, in Vancouver, Washington, by the FBI. While on pretrial release, Bru was arrested twice on charges of driving under the influence, once in Idaho and once in Montana. Bru failed to appear for his scheduled court appearances in both cases, however, and the state courts issued warrants for his arrest. Those cases remain pending.

Similarly, on June 26, 2023, Bru failed to appear for a scheduled pretrial conference related to his federal charges in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On June 28, 2023, Bru posted screenshots on social media of a conversation he had with another individual concerning news reports on his failure to appear in District Court. In that conversation, Bru wrote:

“nice, I certified mailed my motion to the prosecutor, I’m done entertaining their bullshit.

If they want me they will come get me. I’m drawing a f— line in the sand...”

Bru failed to appear for a second District Court hearing on June 30, 2023, and a bench warrant was subsequently issued for his arrest. He was arrested on the warrant on July 23, 2023, in Montana. During the sentencing hearing, Bru continued to express no remorse, telling Chief Judge Boasberg, “You could give me 100 years and I would still do it all over again.”

This case was prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Attorney’s Offices for the Western District of Washington and the Middle District of Florida.

This case was investigated by the FBI’s Seattle and Washington Field Offices. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 36 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,265 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 440 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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