

**PRESS RELEASE**

Maryland “Proud Boy” Sentenced for Assaulting Law Enforcement and Other Charges During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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For Immediate Release

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

Defendant Assaulted Officer with Wooden Pole, Threw Objects at Police, Stole Riot Shield

WASHINGTON – A Maryland man was sentenced today to 66 months in prison for assaulting law enforcement with a dangerous weapon 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.

Scott Miller, 37, of Millersville, Maryland, was sentenced to 66 months in prison, 36 months of supervised release, and ordered to pay \$2,000 in restitution by U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. Miller pleaded guilty, on January 5, 2024, to a felony charge of assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers using a dangerous weapon.

According to court documents, on the morning of Jan. 6, 2021, Miller, a leader of the Maryland Chapter of the Proud Boys, left his home in Maryland, purchased a new truck, and drove to Washington, D.C., to participate in the events at the Capitol that day. Miller arrived at approximately 4:15 p.m. at the Lower West Terrace “Tunnel”, the site of some of the most violent

assaults on law enforcement officers that occurred on January 6th. Miller wore orange ski goggles, a black hooded sweatshirt under a tan coat, a tan backpack, a black and red neck gaiter, dark-colored pants, and black motorcycle gloves.

At the Tunnel entrance, Miller joined the crowd of rioters who were attacking members of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the United States Capitol Police (USCP), who were defending the Tunnel and were lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of their official duties. Court documents say that at approximately 4:27 p.m., Miller struck an MPD officer multiple times with a long wooden pole. After that assault, Miller threw at least five objects at the police in the Tunnel, including a metal pipe or pole, a bottle, a short wooden stick, a large black speaker, and an article of clothing.

At approximately 4:33 p.m., Miller then struck multiple police officers who were defending the Tunnel several times by swinging and jabbing a long blue and white pole at their heads. Shortly thereafter, Miller grabbed ahold of a police riot shield held by two officers. Miller pulled the shield out of their hands and, after a brief struggle, ripped the shield away from the officers. Miller then carried the shield back into the crowd behind him and handed it to another rioter.

The FBI arrested Miller on Dec. 16, 2022, in Maryland.

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 Maryland.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office, which identified Miller as BOLO (Be on the Lookout) #132 on its seeking information photos. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 39 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,387 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 493 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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