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Maine Man Arrested for Assaulting Law Enforcement with a Weapon and Other Charges During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

WASHINGTON — A Maine man has been arrested on felony and misdemeanor charges, including for allegedly assaulting law enforcement during the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol. His alleged 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.

Christopher Belliveau, 38, of Sanford, Maine, is charged in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with five felony offenses, including civil disorder; assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers using a dangerous weapon; entering or remaining in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority with a deadly or dangerous weapon; disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon; engaging in physical violence in restricted building or on restricted grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon.

In addition to the felonies, Belliveau is charged with three misdemeanor offenses, including disorderly conduct in a capitol building; act of physical violence in the Capitol grounds or buildings; and parading, demonstrating or picketing in the Capitol buildings.

The FBI arrested Belliveau yesterday in North Berwick, Maine, and he is expected to make his initial appearance in the District of Maine.

According to court documents, Belliveau was identified among a group of rioters on Jan. 6, 2021, on the Northwest Lawn of the Capitol grounds. At the time, rioters in that area, including Belliveau, were congregated behind temporary fencing comprised of interlocking bicycle racks. At approximately 2:10 p.m., the group of rioters, with Belliveau at the front, crossed the bicycle rack fencing and advanced toward the police. As he approached the police, Belliveau carried a bullhorn in his left hand and gestured at the police officers with his right hand.

The government alleges that as Belliveau approached police, he pointed at one officer and then walked away. Belliveau returned, allegedly carrying a green canister with an orange safety cap consistent with bear pepper mace. It is alleged that Belliveau then discharged a canister at the police officer he initially pointed at and then fled the area. The officer pursued Belliveau but was knocked to the ground by another rioter.

Belliveau then joined hundreds of rioters who advanced up the Northwest Stairs, after the police line there had been forcibly overrun, to an area of the Capitol known as the Upper West Terrace. At approximately 2:13 p.m., rioters broke the windows next to a door to the Capitol building known as the Senate Wing Door and breached the Capitol. Belliveau, as shown on surveillance video, allegedly broke into the Capitol at approximately 2:17 p.m.

Belliveau traveled to an area of the Capitol known as the Crypt, where rioters confronted a police line, before exiting about 15 minutes later.

The case is being investigated by the FBI's Boston and Washington Field Offices. Valuable assistance was provided by the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department.

In the 41 months since Jan. 6, 2021, more than 1,450 individuals have been charged in nearly all 50 states for crimes related to the breach of the U.S. Capitol, including more than 500 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.

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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