

**PRESS RELEASE**

Virginia Man Arrested for Assaulting Law Enforcement and Other Offenses During Jan. 6 Capitol Breach

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

WASHINGTON — A Virginia man has been arrested for allegedly assaulting law enforcement and other offenses related to his alleged conduct 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.

Nathan Bordeaux, 40, of Floyd, Virginia, is charged in a criminal complaint filed in the District of Columbia with felony offenses of assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers and obstruction of law enforcement during a civil disorder.

In addition to the felonies, Bordeaux is charged with several misdemeanor offenses, including entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly conduct in a Capitol building, act of physical violence in the Capitol grounds or buildings, and parading, picketing, and demonstrating in a Capitol building.

Bordeaux self-surrendered to the FBI today in Virginia and made his initial appearance in the Western District of Virginia.

According to court documents, Bordeaux was identified on video footage at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 6, 2021, among a mob of rioters fighting officers on the Northwest Capitol grounds. Later, Bordeaux appeared wearing a black hat, goggles, and a police riot shield while breaching the Northwest steps alongside the mob.

After breaching these steps, it is alleged that Bordeaux advanced to the Upper West Terrace with the riot shield, which he later handed to another rioter near the Senate Wing Door. At 2:13 p.m., Bordeaux can allegedly be seen on CCTV footage as one of the first rioters to breach the Capitol through this door. Inside, Bordeaux moved toward the Senate wing, crossed back, and proceeded to the Crypt, where he joined a group of rioters yelling and chanting. Bordeaux then made his way to the Small House Rotunda on the second floor, passed through Statuary Hall, and approached the Speaker's Lobby doors.

At about 2:41 p.m., it is alleged that Bordeaux opened the Southeast doors from inside the Capitol and, at 2:47 p.m., exited to announce that a woman had been shot. He returned moments later, throwing a water bottle at Capitol Police, narrowly missing an officer. Bordeaux then re-entered the Capitol as officers attempted to secure the entrance. Court documents say that Bordeaux waved other rioters inside and exited and re-entered the building multiple times.

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 Western District of Virginia.

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

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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