

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**PATRICK A. STEDMAN,**

**Defendant.**

**Magistrate No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Violations:**

**18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2)**

**40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G)**

**UNDER SEAL**

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT**

I, Elisa Bernazzani, first being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been so employed since 2008. Specifically, I am assigned to the Washington Field Office (WFO) and am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detention, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws. I am assisting in the investigation and prosecution of events which occurred at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

**Incursion at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021**

The U.S. Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C., is secured 24 hours a day by U.S. Capitol Police. Restrictions around the U.S. Capitol include permanent and temporary security barriers and posts manned by U.S. Capitol Police. Only authorized people with appropriate identification are allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was closed to members of the public.

On January 6, 2021, a joint session of the United States Congress convened at the United States Capitol, which is located at First Street, SE, in Washington, D.C. During the joint session, elected members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate were meeting in separate chambers of the United States Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020 Presidential Election, which had taken place on November 3, 2020. The joint session began at approximately 1:00 p.m. Shortly thereafter, by approximately 1:30 p.m., the House and Senate adjourned to separate chambers to resolve a particular objection. Vice President Mike Pence was present and presiding, first in the joint session, and then in the Senate chamber.

As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President Mike Pence present and presiding over the Senate, a large crowd gathered outside the U.S. Capitol. As noted above, temporary and permanent barricades were in place around the exterior of the U.S. Capitol building, and U.S. Capitol Police were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol building and the proceedings underway inside

At approximately 2:00 p.m., certain individuals in the crowd forced their way through, up, and over the barricades, and officers of the U.S. Capitol Police, and the crowd advanced to the exterior façade of the building. The crowd was not lawfully authorized to enter or remain in the building and, prior to entering the building, no members of the crowd submitted to security screenings or weapons checks by U.S. Capitol Police Officers or other authorized security officials.

At such time, the certification proceedings were still underway and the exterior doors and windows of the U.S. Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the U.S. Capitol Police attempted to maintain order and keep the crowd from entering the Capitol; however, shortly after 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking

windows and by assaulting members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts.

Shortly thereafter, at approximately 2:20 p.m. members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate, including the President of the Senate, Vice President Mike Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, all proceedings of the United States Congress, including the joint session, were effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. the same day. In light of the dangerous circumstances caused by the unlawful entry to the U.S. Capitol, including the danger posed by individuals who had entered the U.S. Capitol without any security screening or weapons check, Congressional proceedings could not resume until after every unauthorized occupant had left the U.S. Capitol, and the building had been confirmed secured. The proceedings resumed at approximately 8:00 pm after the building had been secured. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there.

**PATRICK A. STEDMAN**

PATRICK A. STEDMAN is a 32-year-old resident of Haddonfield, New Jersey. STEDMAN self identifies as a dating and relationship strategist on his Twitter page, under display name Pat Stedman, username @Pat\_Stedman. STEDMAN is a frequent Twitter user and as of January 10, 2021 had 25.6K followers.

A screenshot of STEDMAN's Twitter Profile page on or about January 10, 2021:



In addition to relationship strategy advice, STEDMAN posts and comments regularly on political topics. STEDMAN posts a “live stream video” called “COVID/CABAL” on his Twitter account in which he addresses a wide variety of topics.

Witness 1 submitted a tip to the FBI’s online tip portal on or about January 7, 2021. According to Witness 1, STEDMAN posted a video to his Twitter account @Pat\_Stedman at 3:52 pm on January 6, 2021 where he discussed his participation in the riots: “I was pretty much in the first wave, and we broke down the doors and climbed up the back part of the Capitol building and got all the way into the chambers.”

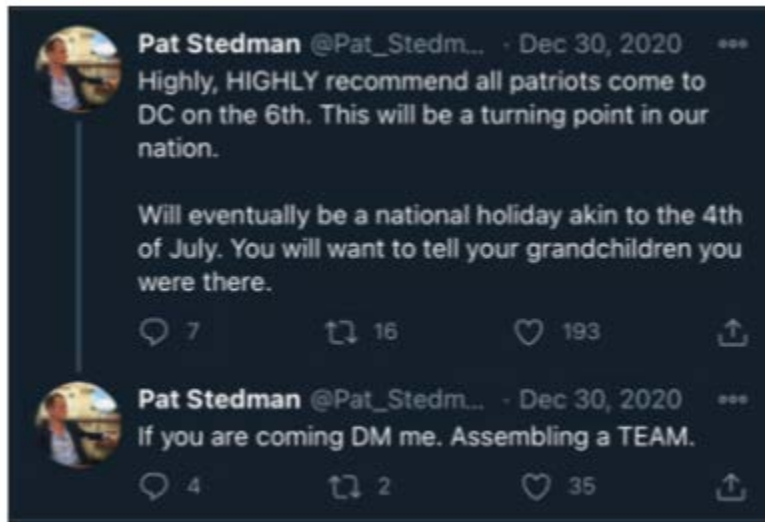
Witness 1, a college classmate of STEDMAN, was interviewed by the FBI on January 19, 2021 and was “one hundred percent confident” the individual posting on @Pat\_Stedman on Twitter was identical to the Patrick STEDMAN that he has known since college.

Witness 2 submitted a tip to the FBI's online tip portal on or about January 8, 2021 about STEDMAN posting a video to his Twitter account @Pat\_Stedman "storming the Capital, then bragging about it after." Witness 2 claimed STEDMAN had been "encouraging his tens of thousands of fans to join him in DC for weeks."

Witness 2, a high school classmate of STEDMAN, was interviewed by the FBI on January 19, 2021 and was "one hundred percent sure" the individual posting on @Pat\_Stedman on Twitter was identical to the Patrick STEDMAN that he has known since high school. Witness 2 believed STEDMAN resides with his parents at XXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, XX.

On or about December 30, 2020, STEDMAN posted to his Twitter account a message about going to Washington, DC on January 6, 2021. He instructed his followers to "DM" (direct message) him if they were planning on going because he was assembling a "team."

A screenshot of STEDMAN's Twitter posts on or about December 30, 2020:



### **STEDMAN'S CONDUCT ON JANUARY 6, 2021**

On January 5, 2021, STEDMAN posted on Twitter, under display name Pat Stedman, username @Pat\_Stedman [hereinafter STEDMAN's Twitter posts will refer to this account],

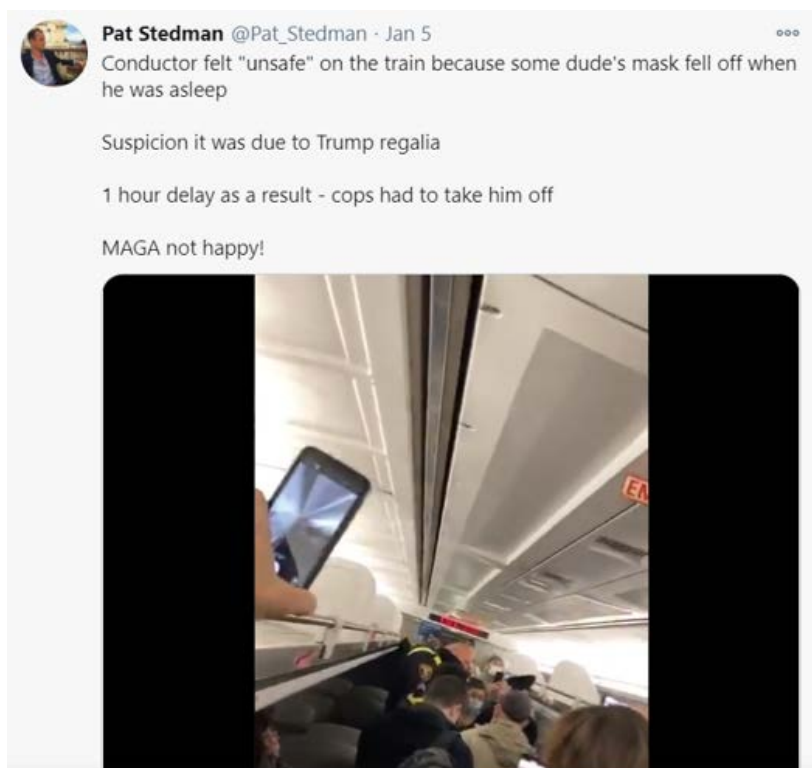
“Follow @drtigerjoseph for feed of DC. Incredible energy. Heading down myself tonight. See you there!”

A screenshot of STEDMAN’s Twitter post on January 5, 2021:



On January 5, 2021, STEDMAN posted on Twitter a video of an incident on what appears to be a train indicating he was a passenger on a train.

A screenshot of STEDMAN’s Twitter post on January 5, 2021:



On January 6, 2021, STEDMAN posted on Twitter videos that appears to have been taken from inside the U.S. Capitol. In the first image, STEDMAN posted, “Backwards hat (Antifa) right where they were breaking into the main area of Congress.”

A screenshot of STEDMAN's Twitter post on January 6, 2021:



In another video, STEDMAN posted, "I can tell you having been in the Capitol these videos the MSM (mainstream media) is showing of fights between cops and protestors are unlike any of the dynamics I saw. Does this look like a "tense" scene to you?" In another post, STEDMAN posted, "[s]hots fired, guns drawn by guards."

A screenshot of STEDMAN's Twitter post on January 6, 2021:



**Pat Stedman** @Pat\_Stedman · Jan 6

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I can tell you having been in the Capitol these videos the MSM is showing of fights between cops and protestors are unlike any of the dynamics I saw.

Does this look like a "tense" scene to you?



In a video posted to STEDMAN's account on Twitter titled "COVID / CABAL – PATRIOT'S DAY" on January 6 2021, STEDMAN appeared on video and discussed the details of his presence inside the U.S. Capitol, including sitting in Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's office.

A screenshot of the video posted to STEDMAN's Twitter on January 6, 2021:



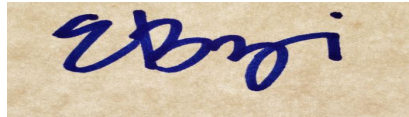


Based upon the likeness of the main speaker in the COVID / CABAL – PATRIOT’S DAY video to photographs of STEDMAN with the New York and New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), a 2017 application with the New York State Liquor Authority, as well as speaking appearances in YouTube videos where STEDMAN is introduced by name, I submit the STEDMAN shown in the Twitter footage at the Capitol is one and the same.

Accordingly, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that STEDMAN committed violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a), and 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2).

**CONCLUSION**

Based on my training and experience, and the information provided in this affidavit, there is probable cause to believe that on or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, PATRICK STEDMAN did knowingly and willfully commit the offenses of Unlawful Entry of a Restricted Building, in violation of Title 18, Section 1752(a)(1) and (2), and Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds, in violation of Title 40, Section 5104(e)(2) and (G).



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Special Agent Elisa Bernazzani  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER  
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE