

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

**Holding a Criminal Term**

**Grand Jury Sworn in on January 8, 2021**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	<b>CRIMINAL NO. 21-CR-86(PLF)</b>
	:	
<b>v.</b>	:	
	:	<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>
<b>ROBERT SANFORD,</b>	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)</b>
	:	<b>(Civil Disorder)</b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1) and (b)</b>
	:	<b>(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding</b>
	:	<b>Certain Officers Using a Dangerous</b>
	:	<b>Weapon)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)</b>
	:	<b>(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted</b>
	:	<b>Building or Grounds with a Deadly or</b>
	:	<b>Dangerous Weapon)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)</b>
	:	<b>(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a</b>
	:	<b>Restricted Building or Grounds)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(F)</b>
	:	<b>(Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol</b>
	:	<b>Grounds or Buildings)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)</b>
	:	<b>(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in</b>
	:	<b>a Capitol Building)</b>
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**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his/her official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way and degree obstructed, delayed,

and adversely affected commerce and the movement of any article and commodity in commerce and the conduct and performance of any federally protected function.

**(Civil Disorder, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 231(a)(3))**

**COUNT TWO**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, using a deadly or dangerous weapon, that is, a fire extinguisher, did forcibly assault, resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, and interfere with, an officer and employee of the United States, and of any branch of the United States Government (including any member of the uniformed services), while such officer or employee was engaged in or on account of the performance of official duties.

**(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers Using a Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b))**

**COUNT THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, did unlawfully and knowingly enter and remain in a restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President was temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a fire extinguisher.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))**

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, did knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, engage in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, a

restricted building and grounds, that is, any posted, cordoned-off, and otherwise restricted area within the United States Capitol and its grounds, where the Vice President was temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2))**

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, willfully and knowingly engaged in an act of physical violence within the United States Capitol Grounds and any of the Capitol Buildings.

**(Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol Grounds or Buildings, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(F))**

**COUNT SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ROBERT SANFORD**, willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, and picketed in any United States Capitol Building.

**(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G))**

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

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