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

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** : Case No: 21-CR-349 TJK

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**v.** 

: 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)

JEFFREY REGISTER,

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Defendant. :

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## **STATEMENT OF OFFENSE**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11, the United States of America, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, and the defendant, Jeffrey Register, with the concurrence of his attorney, agree and stipulate to the below factual basis for the defendant's guilty plea—that is, if this case were to proceed to trial, the parties stipulate that the United States could prove the below facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

#### The Attack at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

- 1. 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.
- 2. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was closed to members of the public.
- 3. 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.

- 4. As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 law enforcement, as others in the

crowd encouraged and assisted those acts. The riot resulted in substantial damage to the U.S. Capitol, requiring the expenditure of more than \$1.4 million dollars for repairs.

7. 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 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
p.m. 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.

## Jeffrey Register's Participation in the January 6, 2021, Capitol Riot

8. The defendant, Jeffrey Register, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida, drove to Washington, D.C. on January 5, 2021, arriving early on the morning of January 6, 2021. Register entered the restricted area of U.S. Capitol Grounds in the early afternoon of January 6, 2021. After the crowd breached the entrances to the U.S. Capitol, Register walked up the steps to the west side of the U.S. Capitol building and entered the building, at 2:16 PM, through the Senate Wing Door. Register knew at the time he entered the U.S. Capitol Building that that he did not have permission to enter the building and the defendant paraded, demonstrated, or picketed within the U.S. Capitol building.

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9. A few minutes after entering the building, Register was present inside the Senate

Carriage Door. At the time, U.S. Capitol Police officers were attempting to clear the inside of

the building and close the door. Register did not exit the building. Instead, Register turned and

walked further into the building, passing through the Capitol building's Crypt and the National

Statuary Hall before ending up near the House Chambers, outside of the Speaker's Lobby, at

around 2:40 PM. At one point, Register and another individual call and wave for the group to

head toward him.

10. Register left the U.S. Capitol building at 2:45 PM through the East Front Upper

House Door. He remained on U.S. Capitol grounds for over an hour after that time.

11. Register was interviewed by agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation on

February 24, 2021. During that interview, Register confirmed how he traveled to Washington,

D.C. and ultimately admitted to having entered the Capitol building. Register was shown a

photograph of himself inside the U.S. Capitol building and confirmed that he was the individual

in that photograph. Register told the FBI agents that he had deleted photographs from his phone

and claimed to have "factory reset" his cellphone in order to, in his words, delete what might be

proof that he entered the building.

Respectfully submitted,

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## DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I, Jeffrey Register, have read this Statement of the Offense and have discussed it with my attorney. I fully understand this Statement of the Offense. I agree and acknowledge by my signature that this Statement of the Offense is true and accurate. I do this voluntarily and of my own free will. No threats have been made to me nor am I under the influence of anything that could impede my ability to understand this Statement of the Offense fully.

Date 10/6/21

TEFFRE REGISTER

Defendant

## ATTORNEY'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read this Statement of the Offense and have reviewed it with my client fully. I concur in my client's desire to adopt this Statement of the Offense as true and accurate.

Date: \_10/7/21

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