



in the Capitol to certify the vote count of the Electoral College of the 2020 Presidential Election, which had taken place on Tuesday, 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 Capitol. Temporary and permanent barricades, as noted above, were in place around the exterior of the Capitol, and USCP officers were present and attempting to keep the crowd away from the Capitol 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. Officers of the USCP were forced to retreat 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 as required by USCP officers or other authorized security officials.

6. At such time, the certification proceedings were still underway, and the exterior doors and windows of the Capitol were locked or otherwise secured. Members of the USCP 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 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 Capitol, requiring the expenditure of more than \$2.9 million dollars for repairs.

7. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 2:20 P.M., members of the House of Representatives and of the 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. on January 6, 2021. In light of the dangerous circumstances caused by the unlawful entry to the Capitol—including the danger posed by individuals who had entered the Capitol without any security screening or weapons check—Congressional proceedings could not resume until after every unauthorized occupant had been removed from or left the Capitol, and USCP confirmed that the building was secured. The proceedings resumed at approximately 8:00 P.M. after the building had been secured. Vice President Pence remained in the Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the session resumed.

***WILLIAM LEWIS' Participation in the January 6, 2021, Capitol Riot***

8. WILLIAM LEWIS (the defendant) lives in Burbank, Illinois. On January 5, 2021, defendant traveled from Burbank to Washington, D.C., by car with a friend. The purpose of the defendant's trip to Washington, D.C., was to attend the "Stop The Steal" rally.

9. On January 6, after attending the rally, WILLIAM LEWIS marched with other rioters to the Capitol.

10. WILLIAM LEWIS made his way to the West Plaza, which was, by that time overrun with rioters. United States Capitol Police (USCP) and Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers were trying to maintain lines of defense and were struggling to prevent rioters from advancing further to the Capitol building itself.

11. At approximately 2:12 P.M., WILLIAM LEWIS sprayed streams of wasp and hornet spray at police officers, including MPD Officers K.H., H.F., B.B., M.V., S. C.-B., and Sgt. M.K.,

12. At approximately 2:21 P.M., WILLIAM LEWIS sprayed streams of wasp and hornet spray at police officers, including MPD Officers S.N. and D.T.

13. At approximately 2:23 P.M., WILLIAM LEWIS sprayed streams of wasp and hornet spray at police officers, including MPD Officer J.G.

14. As a result of being hit with the spray, at least Officer S.N. was forced to immediately remove himself from the defensive line and seek treatment for his eyes, and Officer J.G. experienced a burning sensation on his face and in his eyes.

15. Thereafter, WILLIAM LEWIS ascended to the Lower West Terrace of the Capitol building. At that location, using a stolen police baton, he smashed three different panes (one quarter-moon, and two smaller square panes) of a large window immediately to the right (south) of the Lower West Terrace tunnel.

#### *Elements of the Offense*

16. The parties agree that Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers, a violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) requires the following elements:

First, the defendant assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, or interfered with officers of the Metropolitan Police Department;

Second, the defendant did such acts forcibly;

Third, the defendant did such acts voluntarily and intentionally;

Fourth, the persons assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, or interfered with were officers of the United States who were then engaged in the performance

of their official duties or were assisting officers of the United States who were then engaged in the performance of their official duties; and

Fifth, the defendant made physical contact with persons who were officers of the United States who were then engaged in the performance of their official duties or were assisting officers of the United States who were then engaged in the performance of their official duties, or who acted with the intent to commit another felony. For purposes of this element, “another felony” refers to Civil Disorder, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 231.

***Defendant’s Acknowledgments***

17. WILLIAM LEWIS knowingly and voluntarily admits to all the elements of 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) as set forth above. Specifically, the defendant admits that, while on the West Plaza of the United States Capitol, he deployed streams of wasp and hornet spray at MPD Officer J.G., who was assisting the United States Capitol Police. The defendant further admits that, when he engaged in the conduct described in paragraphs 11-13, he knew that the officers were engaged in the performance of their official duties; and that he assaulted, resisted, opposed, impeded, intimidated, or interfered with the officers on account of their performance of their official duties. Finally, the defendant admits that he made indirect physical contact with Officer J.G. and/or intended to commit another felony.

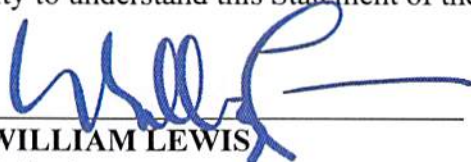
Respectfully submitted,

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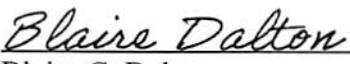
**DEFENDANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I, **WILLIAM LEWIS**, have read this Statement of the Offense and have discussed it with my attorney, Blaire C. Dalton. 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: 4.30.24   
**WILLIAM LEWIS**  
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: 05/01/2024   
**Blaire C. Dalton**  
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