

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on November 21, 2025¹

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.:
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v.	:	MAGISTRATE NO.: 25-mj-276
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BRIAN J. COLE, JR.,	:	VIOLATIONS:
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Defendant.	:	18 U.S.C. § 844(d)
	:	(Interstate Transportation of Explosives)
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	:	18 U.S.C. § 844(i)
	:	(Malicious Attempt to Use Explosives)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

COUNT ONE

On or about January 5, 2021, in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, the defendant, **BRIAN J. COLE, JR.**, knowingly transported in interstate commerce two explosives, that is, two explosive devices commonly referred to as “pipe bombs,” with the knowledge and intent to use those explosives to intimidate any individual and unlawfully to damage and destroy any building and other real property in Washington, D.C., that is, the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee, located at 430 South Capitol Street, Southeast, Washington, D.C., and the

¹ This grand jury was empaneled in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and returned this indictment pursuant to its authority under D.C. Code § 11-1916(a). No grand juries currently empaneled in the District Court for the District of Columbia were or will be scheduled to sit between Friday, December 19, 2025, and Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

headquarters of the Republican National Committee, located at 310 First Street, Southeast, Washington, D.C.

**(Interstate Transportation of Explosives, in violation of
Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(d))**

COUNT TWO

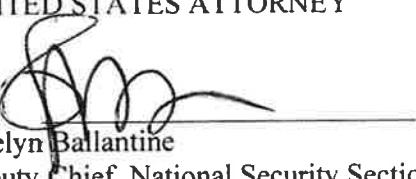
On or about January 5, 2021, within the District of Columbia, the defendant, **BRIAN J. COLE, JR.**, maliciously attempted to damage and destroy, by means of fire and an explosive, any building and surrounding real property, that is, the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee, located at 430 South Capitol Street, Southeast, Washington, D.C., and the headquarters of the Republican National Committee, located at 310 First Street, Southeast, Washington, D.C., both of which were used in interstate and foreign commerce and were used in an activity affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

**(Malicious Attempt to Use Explosives, in violation of
Title 18, United States Code, Section 844(i))**

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

JEANINE FERRIS PIRRO
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

By: 
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