

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

**Holding a Criminal Term**

**Grand Jury Sworn in on August 11, 2021**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</b>	:	<b>CRIMINAL NO. 21-CR-537</b>
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<b>v.</b>	:	<b>MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-188</b>
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<b>RYAN SAMSEL</b>	:	
	:	<b>VIOLATIONS:</b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)</b>
	:	<b>(Civil Disorder)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1) and (b), 2</b>
	:	<b>(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding</b>
	:	<b>Certain Officers Using a Dangerous</b>
	:	<b>Weapon and Inflicting Bodily Injury)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1) (Assaulting,</b>
	:	<b>Resisting, or Impeding an Officer)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(4)</b>
	:	<b>(Engaging in Physical Violence in a</b>
	:	<b>Restricted Building or Grounds)</b>
	:	<b>40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(F), 2</b>
	:	<b>(Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol</b>
	:	<b>Grounds or Buildings)</b>
	:	<b>18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2</b>
	:	<b>(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding)</b>
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**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN SAMSEL**, committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with law enforcement officers, that is, Officer C.E. and Officer D.C., officers from the United States Capitol Police Department, lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of their 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, **RYAN SAMSEL**, committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with law enforcement officers, that is Officers from the United States Capitol Police guarding the lower West Terrace, lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of their 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 THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN SAMSEL**, using a deadly or dangerous weapon, that is, a metal crowd control barrier, 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), that is, Officer C.E., an officer from the United States Capitol Police, while such person was engaged in and on account of the performance of official duties, and where the acts in violation of this section involved physical contact with the victim and the intent to commit another felony, and where the acts inflicted bodily injury on Officer C.E.

**(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers Using a Dangerous Weapon, Inflicting Bodily Injury, and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b) and 2)**

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN SAMSEL**, 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 and on account of the performance of official duties, that is, an officer from the United States Capitol Police guarding the lower West Terrace, and where the acts in violation of this section involved physical contact with the officer and the intent to commit another felony.

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

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, RYAN SAMSEL, did knowingly engage in any act of physical violence against any person and property 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.

**(Engaging in Physical Violence in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1752(a)(4))**

**COUNT SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, RYAN SAMSEL, 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 and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(F) and 2)**

**COUNT SEVEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, RYAN SAMSEL, attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding before Congress, specifically, Congress's certification of the Electoral College vote as set out in the Twelfth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and 3 U.S.C. §§ 15-18.

**(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1512(c)(2) and 2)**

**COUNT EIGHT**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN SAMSEL**, using a deadly or dangerous weapon, that is, a metal crowd control barrier, 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), that is, Officer D.C., an officer from the United States Capitol Police, while such person was engaged in and on account of the performance of official duties, and where the acts in violation of this section involved physical contact with the victim and the intent to commit another felony, and where the acts inflicted bodily injury on Officer D.C.

**(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers Using a Dangerous Weapon, Inflicting Bodily Injury, and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 111(a)(1) and (b) and 2)**

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

Attorney of the United States in  
and for the District of Columbia.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark W. ...".