

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
for the
District of Columbia

United States of America
v.
Lee A. Giobbie
DOB: XXXXXX

) Case: 1:24-mj-00022
) Assigned To : Judge Moxila A. Upadhyaya
) Assign. Date : 1/22/2024
) Description: COMPLAINT W/ARREST WARRANT
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Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of January 6, 2021 in the county of in the
in the District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2) - Obstruction of an Official Proceeding, 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3) - Civil Disorder, 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) - Knowingly Entering or Remaining in any Restricted Building or Grounds Without Lawful Authority, 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2) - Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) - Disorderly Conduct on Capitol Grounds, 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G) - Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached statement of facts.

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Complainant's signature

[Redacted name and title area]

Printed name and title

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone.

Date: 01/22/2024

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Judge's signature

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Moxila A. Upadhyaya, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Your affiant, [REDACTED], is a Special Agent with the FBI assigned to the Newark Field Division. In my duties as a special agent, I have been assigned to the Newark Field Division for the past two years. Previously, I was a Customs and Border Protection Officer with the United States Department of Homeland Security. Currently, I am tasked with investigating criminal activity in and around the Capitol grounds on January 6, 2021. As a Special Agent, I am authorized by law or by a Government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of a violation of Federal criminal laws. As such, I am an “investigative or law enforcement officer” of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7), that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests for, offenses enumerated in Section 2516 of Title 18, United States Code.

Background – The U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021

The U.S. Capitol 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 were allowed access inside the U.S. Capitol. On January 6, 2021, the exterior plaza of the U.S. Capitol was also closed to members of the public.

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 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.

As the proceedings continued in both the House and the Senate, and with Vice President Mike 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.

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, around 2:00 p.m., individuals in the crowd forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, including by breaking windows and by assaulting members of the U.S. Capitol Police, as others in the crowd encouraged and assisted those acts.

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

Mike Pence, were instructed to—and did—evacuate the chambers. Accordingly, the joint session of the United States Congress was effectively suspended until shortly after 8:00 p.m. Vice President Pence remained in the United States Capitol from the time he was evacuated from the Senate Chamber until the sessions resumed.

During national news coverage of the aforementioned events, video footage which appeared to be captured on mobile devices of persons present on the scene depicted evidence of violations of local and federal law, including scores of individuals inside the U.S. Capitol building without authority to be there.

Facts Specific to Lee A. Giobbie

Identification of GIOBBIE

On or about March 2022, an FBI confidential human source (“CHS”) who has been deemed credible and reliable previously, reported information that GIOBBIE, of Eastampton, New Jersey was shown in open-source video and social media images taken near the U.S. Capitol Building on 01/06/2021. Copies of the photographs are below:

Broadcasting Trump's Ellipse speech from his phone via bullhorn.
<https://www.gettyimages.com/detail/1230457751>.



Photograph of Giobbie on January 6, 2021 outside the U.S. Capitol



Professional image provided by CHS on the left; Screenshot from open-source video taken at the Capitol on the right

The CHS also provided a photograph of GIOBBIE obtained from a Facebook profile for “Lee Giobbie.” In the picture posted to the “Lee Giobbie” Facebook account, GIOBBIE is wearing the same bright green stocking hat with an eagle on the brim that he was wearing in the image taken on January 6, 2021, on Capitol grounds.



Facebook image of Lee Giobbie wearing Eagles stocking cap¹

¹ Found at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1010046698097855>.



Screenshot of GIOBBIE from open-source video from January 6, 2021, near the U.S. Capitol (left); Screenshot from “Lee Giobbie” Facebook profile (right).

On January 11, 2023, a Confidential Human Source provided FBI Newark with information that GIOBBIE was in several additional videos that had been posted to the internet and were publicly accessible. An FBI Special Agent accessed and reviewed the identified videos and identified GIOBBIE in each.

GIOBBIE can be observed in the additional videos in a crowd of people on the East Front of the Capitol outside of a restricted perimeter made up of bike rack barricades and being manned by uniformed police officers. He was wearing a black leather jacket, a green knitted Eagles stocking cap, blue jeans, white and gray “K-Swiss” sneakers, and black gloves, and was wearing a black backpack, and holding a white and red bullhorn.



Screenshot of Giobbie on the East Front of the Capitol outside of the restricted perimeter before it was breached from open-source video

GIOBBIE's Actions at the U.S. Capitol

GIOBBIE was in the area just outside bike rack barricades that were set to establish the restricted grounds of the U.S. Capitol on the morning of January 6, 2021. In multiple open-source videos GIOBBIE used his cellular phone to stream the former President's "Ellipse speech" and held his cellular phone to the end of a bullhorn to amplify and broadcast the former President's "Ellipse speech" to the crowd that had gathered at the Capitol while the former President was speaking at the Ellipse. In an open-source video that showed Giobbie broadcasting the speech, portions of the speech and GIOBBIE'S responses can be heard. For instance, when the former president said : "this is a phrase you all came up with, we will stop the steal"; Giobbie said "stop the steal" simultaneously with the former president and then shouted, "Stop the Steal!" a second time and shook his fist. The former president asked during his speech, "does anyone believe Biden got 80 million votes"; Giobbie shouted "NO!" in response. After the former president said: "we're not going to let them silence your voices," a chant of "fight for Trump" broke out and Giobbie joined in. Giobbie continued to broadcast using the bullhorn as the former president talked about a number of topics relating to the certification of the electoral vote count by Congress occurring in the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021, including: 1) the former vice-president, Mike Pence, doing the right thing, 2) that states want a revote, 3) that states want to re-certify, 4) voter fraud, and 5) going to the Capitol to give Republicans pride. When the former president said, "we're going to walk to the Capitol," Giobbie shouted "Yea!" in response.



GIOBBIE, near the East Front of the Capitol, holding a cellphone near the end of a bullhorn, broadcasting the former president's Ellipse speech



Close up of GIOBBIE holding a cellphone to a bullhorn near the East Front of the Capitol before the breach

GIOBBIE can be seen near the bike rack barricades on the East Front of the Capitol with the U.S. Capitol building in the background and can be heard in open-source video speculating with another rioter about what would need to happen for police snipers to use deadly force

against the mob. Specifically, GIOBBIE said, “what would need to happen for police snipers to start shooting?”



GIOBBIE on the east front of the U.S. Capitol building discussing what it would take for police to use deadly force.

GIOBBIE was recorded in open-source video repeatedly shouting, “move the gates!” near the bike rack barricades on the East Front of the Capitol before they were breached.

GIOBBIE observed and then walked toward other rioters while they were violently pushing against bike rack barriers and police during the breach of the restricted perimeter near the East Front of the U.S. Capitol grounds. He was recorded on open-source video repeatedly saying, “we’re going in;” “the gates have been breached.”



Police guarding bike rack barricades during the violent breach of the restricted perimeter near the East Front with GIOBBIE identified by a yellow rectangle in the background.



Screenshot from open-source video of GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, moving toward the violent breach of the restricted perimeter

After other rioters pushed past police and bike rack barricades at the restricted perimeter around the U.S. Capitol grounds, GIOBBIE moved a barricade as he entered the portion of the U.S. Capitol grounds that were cordoned off and restricted from public access on January 6, 2021.



GIOBBIE circled in yellow as he moved a bike rack barrier as he breached the restricted perimeter on the East Front of the U.S. Capitol

GIOBBIE then walked by police in riot gear and was one of the first rioters to the Central steps of the U.S. Capitol building as police fell back and formed a new line there.

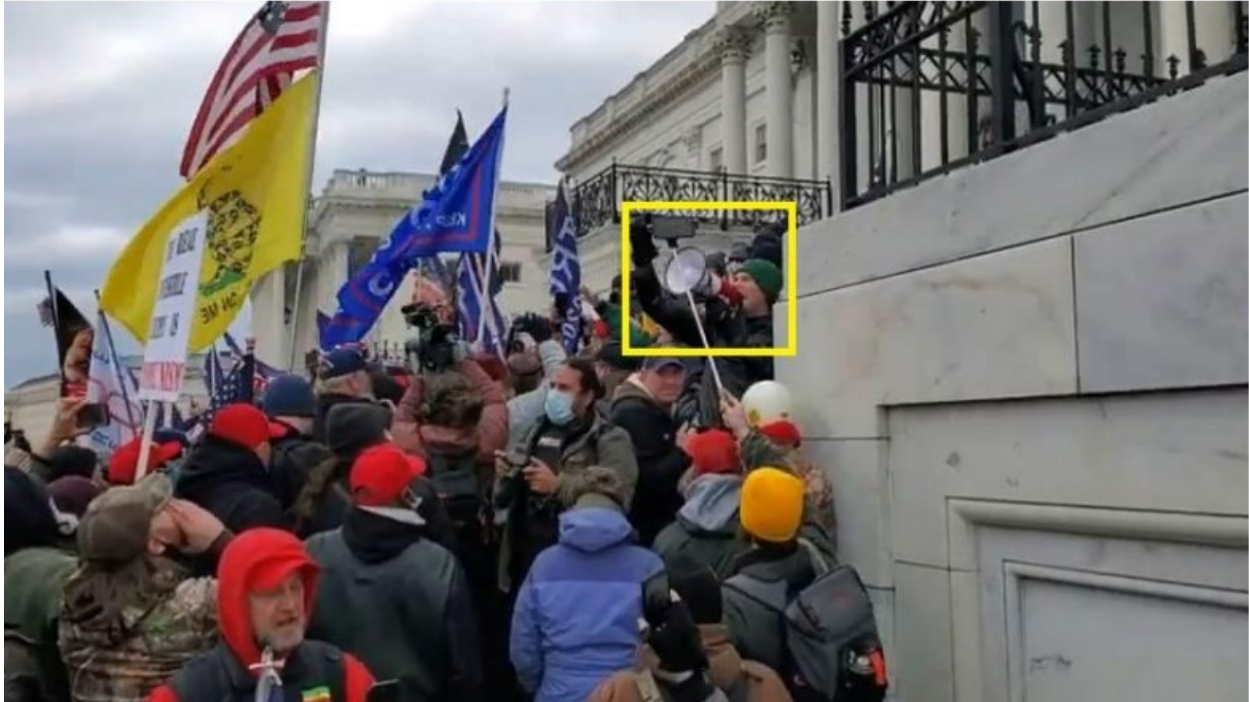


GIOBBIE, identified by a yellow rectangle, walking by riot police on restricted grounds near the East Front of the U.S. Capitol building



GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, at the Central steps to the U.S. Capitol building as police form a new line to defend the Capitol

GIOBBIE faced the crowd and shouted “stop the steal” through the bullhorn and by lead chants of “USA” on the Central steps of the East Front of U.S. Capitol building,



GIOBBIE on the Central Steps of the U.S. Capitol building shouting “Stop the Steal” and “USA”

GIOBBIE then faced police on the Central steps and shouted “push, push, push, push,” while standing one row back from other rioters who were pushing against the police line. Additionally, GIOBBIE can be seen in open-source video as he pushed against other rioters who were pushing against the police line on the Central steps. He then rushed by police to get to the Rotunda Door of the U.S. Capitol building after the police line broke and a huge mass of rioters rushed up the Central steps.



Screenshot of GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, pushing against other rioters and then rushing past police officers once the police line broke

Near the Rotunda Door GIOBBIE shouted into the bullhorn “we need something to break the door down!”



Screenshot of GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, shouting about breaking the door down

GIOBBIE appeared to film police with a cellular phone outside of the Rotunda Door as they were attempting to defend the Door.



Screenshot from open-source video of GIOBBIE as he appeared to film police defending the Rotunda Door

GIOBBIE can be seen in open-source video in a tightly packed crowd of rioters, in a confrontation with Capitol Police Officers trying to defend the Rotunda Door. During this confrontation, a Capitol Police officer is seen grabbing GIOBBIE's left arm, pushing GIOBBIE away from the entrance. GIOBBIE then pushed the officer's arm away and used his left forearm to push against the officer's riot shield.



GIOBBIE's left arm being grabbed by a police officer outside the Rotunda Door

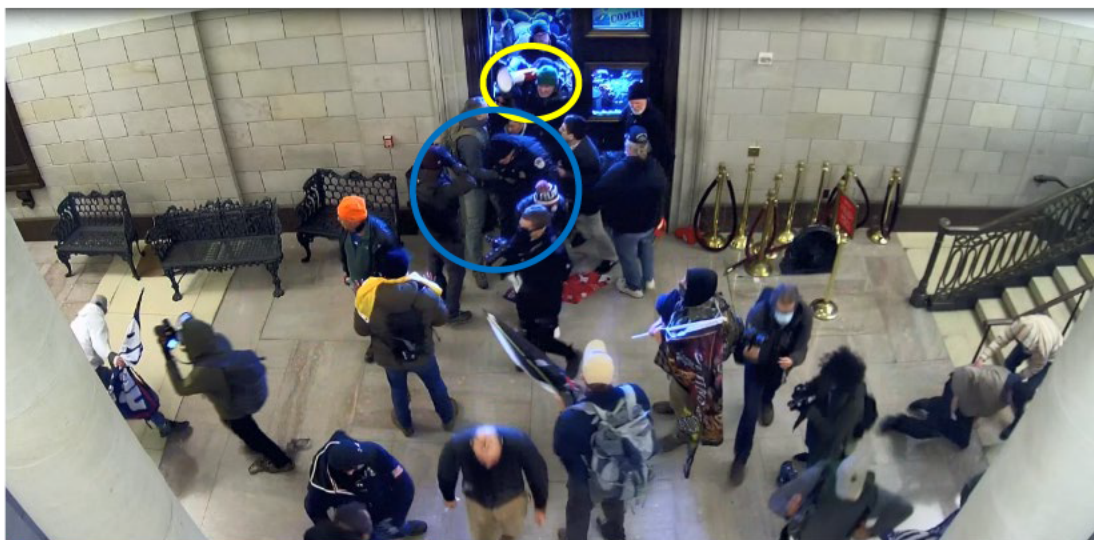


GIOBBIE pushing against police shield as rioters attempt to breach Rotunda Door

Police deployed a flashbang munition and chemical sprays to attempt to clear the rioters from the Rotunda Door. In spite of that, GIOBBIE was one of the first rioters to enter through the Rotunda Door within minutes after it was breached by other rioters. He aggressively pushed his way through the Rotunda Door as police were actively trying to defend it.

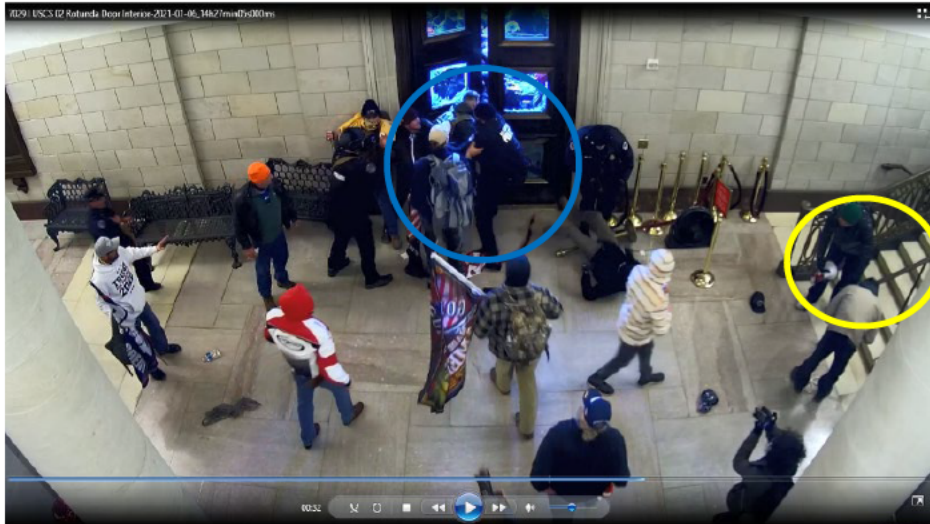


Screenshot of GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, as he pushed through the Rotunda Door with some police



GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, as he pushed through the Rotunda Door into the Capitol with a police officer defending the door from inside circled in blue

GIOBBIE bent over after entering the Capitol through the Rotunda Doors after being in the vicinity of chemical sprays being deployed by rioters and police outside the Rotunda Door.



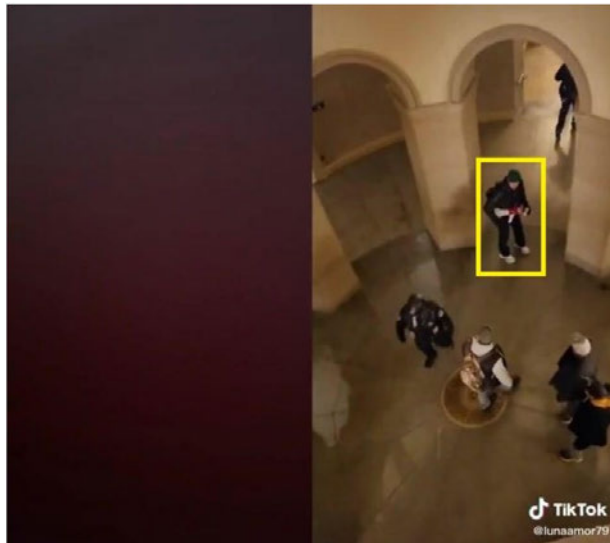
Screenshot of GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, bent over inside of the Rotunda Door with a police officer attempting to resecure the door circled in blue

GIOBBIE quickly turned and went toward and then through the Capitol Rotunda once inside the Capitol building.



GIOBBIE, circled in yellow, as he walked through the U.S. Capitol Rotunda

GIOBBIE can be seen on open-source video as he walked through the Small Senate Rotunda.



Screenshot from open-source video of GIOBBIE (yellow rectangle) walking through the Small Senate Rotunda

GIOBBIE was briefly detained by a police officer in a hallway near a stairwell in the U.S. Capitol building:



GIOBBIE being detained by a police officer in riot gear in the U.S. Capitol

GIOBBIE walked to the northwest side of the Capitol building and exited through the Senate Wing Door, leading out to the Northwest Courtyard.



GIOBBIE exiting the Capitol building on the northwest side through the Senate Wing Door



GIOBBIE in the Northwest Courtyard after exiting the Capitol building

Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that LEE A. GIOBBIE violated 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (2), which makes it a crime to (1) knowingly enter or remain in any restricted building or grounds without lawful authority to do so; and (2) knowingly, and with intent to impede or disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions, engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct in, or within such proximity to, any restricted building or grounds when, or so that, such conduct, in fact, impedes or disrupts the orderly conduct of Government business or official functions; or attempts or conspires to do so. For purposes of Section 1752 of Title 18, a “restricted building” includes a posted, cordoned off, or otherwise restricted area of a building or grounds where the President or other person protected by the Secret Service, including the Vice President, is or will be temporarily visiting; or any building or grounds so restricted in conjunction with an event designated as a special event of national significance.

Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that LEE A. GIOBBIE violated 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G), which makes it a crime to willfully and knowingly (D) utter loud, threatening, or abusive language, or engage in disorderly or disruptive conduct, at any place in the Grounds or in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, or disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress or either House of Congress, or the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before, or any deliberations of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress; and (G) parade, demonstrate, or picket in any of the Capitol Buildings.

Your affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that LEE A. GIOBBIE violated 18 U.S.C. 231(a)(3), which makes it unlawful to commit or attempt to commit any act to obstruct, impede, or interfere with any fireman or law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder which in any way or degree obstructs, delays, or adversely affects commerce or the movement of any

article or commodity in commerce or the conduct or performance of any federally protected function. For purposes of Section 231 of Title 18, a federally protected function means any function, operation, or action carried out, under the laws of the United States, by any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States or by an officer or employee thereof. This includes the Secret Service's protection of the Vice President and his family and the Capitol Police's protection of the U.S. Capitol.

Your affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that LEE A. GIOBBIE violated 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), which makes it a crime to obstruct, influence, or impede any official proceeding, or attempt to do so. Under 18 U.S.C. § 1515, congressional proceedings are official proceedings.

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SPECIAL AGENT
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 22nd day of January 2024.

MOXILA A. UPADHYAYA
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE