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Magistrate Courts

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Holding a Criminal Term

Grand Jury Sworn in on January 8, 2021

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	CRIMINAL NO.
	:	
v.	:	MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-102
	:	
RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS,	:	MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-103
	:	
and	:	VIOLATIONS:
	:	
ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER,	:	18 U.S.C. §§ 231(a)(3), 2
	:	(Civil Disorder)
Defendants.	:	18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2
	:	(Obstruction of an Official Proceeding)
	:	18 U.S.C. §§ 111(a)(1) and (b)
	:	(Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding
	:	Certain Officers Using a Dangerous
	:	Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 641
	:	(Theft of Government Property)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A)
	:	(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted
	:	Building or Grounds with a Deadly or
	:	Dangerous Weapon)
	:	18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(a)
	:	(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a
	:	Restricted Building or Grounds with a
	:	Deadly or Dangerous Weapon)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(1)
	:	(Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous
	:	Weapon on
	:	Capitol Grounds or Buildings)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)
	:	(Disorderly Conduct in
	:	a Capitol Building)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(F)
	:	(Act of Physical Violence in the Capitol
	:	Grounds or Buildings)
	:	40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)
	:	(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in
	:	a Capitol Building)

## INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury charges that:

### COUNT ONE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** and **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his/her official duties incident to and during the commission of a civil disorder, and the civil disorder obstructed, delayed, and adversely affected the conduct and performance of a federally protected function.

**(Civil Disorder and Aiding and Abetting**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 231(a)(3) and 2)

### COUNT TWO

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** and **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** attempted to, and did, corruptly obstruct, influence, and impede an official proceeding, that is, a proceeding before Congress, by entering and remaining in the United States Capitol without authority and committing an act of civil disorder and engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct.

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

### COUNT THREE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS**, using a deadly or dangerous weapon, that is, OC/pepper spray, 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 or on account of the performance of official duties.

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

#### **COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** did embezzle, steal, purloin, knowingly convert to his use and the use of another, and without authority, sold, conveyed and disposed of any record, voucher, money and thing of value of the United States and any department and agency thereof, that is, a table leg, which has a value of less than \$1000.

**(Theft of Government Property**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641)

#### **COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** did unlawfully and knowingly enter and remain 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a crowbar and OC/pepper spray.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

#### **COUNT SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** did unlawfully and knowingly enter and remain 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, without lawful authority to do so, and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a tomahawk axe.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A))

#### COUNT SEVEN

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** did knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, engage in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a crowbar and OC/pepper spray.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon**, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))

#### COUNT EIGHT

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** did knowingly, and with intent to impede and disrupt the orderly conduct of Government business and official functions, engage in disorderly and disruptive conduct in and within such proximity to, 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 and Vice President-elect were temporarily visiting, when and so that such conduct did in fact impede and disrupt the

orderly conduct of Government business and official functions and, during and in relation to the offense, did use and carry a deadly and dangerous weapon, that is, a tomahawk axe.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds with a Deadly or Dangerous Weapon,** in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A))

**COUNT NINE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** did carry and have readily accessible, a dangerous weapon, that is, a crowbar and OC/pepper spray, on the United States Capitol Grounds and in any of the Capitol Buildings.

**(Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous Weapon on Capitol Grounds or Buildings,** in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(1)(A)(i))

**COUNT TEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** did carry and have readily accessible, a dangerous weapon, that is, a tomahawk axe, on the United States Capitol Grounds and in any of the Capitol Buildings.

**(Unlawful Possession of a Dangerous Weapon on Capitol Grounds or Buildings,** in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(1)(A)(i))

**COUNT ELEVEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** and **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** willfully and knowingly engaged in disorderly and disruptive conduct in any of the Capitol Buildings with the intent to impede, disrupt, and disturb the orderly conduct of a session of Congress and either House of Congress, and the orderly conduct in that building of a hearing before or any deliberation of, a committee of Congress or either House of Congress.

**(Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(D))

**COUNT TWELVE**

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

**COUNT THIRTEEN**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **RYAN TAYLOR NICHOLS** and **ALEX KIRK HARKRIDER** willfully and knowingly paraded, demonstrated, and picketed in any United States Capitol Building.

**(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing in a Capitol Building**, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(G))

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON.

*Michael Dorman/JS L*

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and for the District of Columbia.