

**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**

**v.**

**ELIAS COSTIANES,**

**Defendant.**

**CRIMINAL NO.**

**MAGISTRATE NO. 21-MJ-00196**

**VIOLATIONS:**

**18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2), 2 (Obstruction of  
Congress; Aiding and Abetting)**

**18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1)  
(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted  
Building or Grounds)**

**18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2)  
(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a  
Restricted Building or Grounds)**

**40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(B)  
(Entering and Remaining in the Gallery of  
Congress)**

**40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D)  
(Disorderly Conduct in a Capitol Building)**

**40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G)  
(Parading, Demonstrating, or Picketing a  
Capitol Building)**

**INDICTMENT**

The Grand Jury charges that:

**COUNT ONE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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 engaging in disorderly and disruptive conduct.

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

**COUNT TWO**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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.

**(Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(1))**

**COUNT THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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.

**(Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a)(2))**

**COUNT FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** willfully and knowingly entered and remained in the gallery of either House of Congress, without authorization to do so.

**(Entering and Remaining in the Gallery of Congress, in violation of Title 40, United States Code, Section 5104(e)(2)(B))**

**COUNT FIVE**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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 SIX**

On or about January 6, 2021, in the District of Columbia, **ELIAS COSTIANES** 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.

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