# 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-008

MATTHEW COUNCIL, : VIOLATIONS:

: 18 U.S.C. § 231(a)(3)

Defendant. : (Civil Disorder)

: 18 U.S.C. § 111(a)(1)

: (Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding

: Certain Officers) : 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)(D)
(Disorderly Conduct in
a Capitol Building)

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, MATTHEW COUNCIL, committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer, that is, an officer from the United States Capitol Police Department, lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his official duties incident to and during the commission of

civil disorder, and the civil disorder obstructed, delayed, and adversely affected the conduct and performance of a 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, MATTHEW COUNCIL, 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, an officer from the United States Capitol Department while such person was engaged in and on account of the performance of official duties, and where the acts in violation of this section involve physical contact with the victim and the intent to commit another felony.

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

#### **COUNT THREE**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, MATTHEW COUNCIL, 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 FOUR**

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, MATTHEW COUNCIL, 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 FIVE

On or about January 6, 2021, within the District of Columbia, MATTHEW COUNCIL, 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, MATTHEW COUNCIL, 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.