

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
District of Columbia

United States of America
v.
SANDRA S. WEYER
a/k/a: SANDRA SUZANNE POMEROY
a/k/a: SANDY POMEROY WEYER
DOB: [REDACTED]

Defendant(s)

Case: 1:21-mj-00483
Assigned To : Meriweather, Robin M.
Assign. Date : 6/21/2021
Description: Complaint w/ Arrest Warrant

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 [REDACTED] in the
District of Columbia, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section and Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2) and 2, 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(1), 18 U.S.C. § 1752(a)(2), 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D), and 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(G) with corresponding offense descriptions.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's Signature

Printed name and title

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

Date: 06/24/2021

[Handwritten signature]

Judge's signature

City and state: Washington, D.C.

Robin M. Meriweather, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT AND ARREST WARRANT

I, [REDACTED] being first duly sworn, hereby depose and states as follows:

PURPOSE OF THE AFFIDAVIT

1. This affidavit is submitted in support of a Criminal Complaint for SANDY POMEROY WEYER (hereinafter “Weyer”), charging violations of 18 U.S.C. § § 1512(c)(2) and 2; 18 U.S.C. §§ 1752(a)(1) and (2); and 40 U.S.C. §§ 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G).

BACKGROUND OF AFFIANT

2. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). I have been in this position since 2016. I am currently assigned to a squad that investigates criminal enterprises and violent gangs for the Washington Field Office. I have training and experience in the areas of violent crimes, gang-related criminal activity, interviews and interrogations, evidence recovery, and source recruitment.

3. Unless otherwise stated, the information in this Affidavit is either personally known to me, has been provided to me by other individuals, or is based on a review of various documents, records, and reports. Because this Affidavit is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to support an application for an arrest warrant, it does not contain every fact known by me or the United States. The dates listed in this Affidavit should be read as “on or about” dates.

STATEMENT OF FACTS SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

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

4. 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 are 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.

5. 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 separate chambers of 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.

6. 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.

7. 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, shortly after 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.

8. 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.

9. After the U.S. Capitol was breached, United States Capitol Police (USCP) requested assistance from law enforcement agencies in the area to protect the Capitol, keep people from entering the Capitol, and expel the crowd that was inside the Capitol. Multiple officers with the Metropolitan Police Department and other law enforcement officers came to assist.

10. 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.

11. News coverage of January 6, 2021, documented numerous attacks on members of the news media who were present to cover the events at, around, and in the U.S. Capitol building. These included reports of members of the news media being harassed, threatened, robbed, and assaulted based on their perceived roles as journalists, and equipment belonging to several news organizations was stolen, damaged, and/or destroyed.

Facts Specific to This Complaint

As described herein, Weyer not only unlawfully entered the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, but also engaged in obstructive conduct while in the U.S. Capitol.

Assault on a NY Times Photographer

12. On January 10, 2021, a photographer for the *New York Times*, a credentialed member of the news media (MONM) who was lawfully working at the U.S. Capitol on January 6,

2021, was interviewed by law enforcement about the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021 (hereinafter, “MONM victim”). According to the statement she gave to law enforcement, the MONM victim was in the Capitol building, near the ceremonial entrance to the Capitol rotunda performing her official duties when approximately four to five men approached her. According to her, one of the men asked the MONM victim, “who do you shoot for?” According to the MONM victim, she did not respond to the question and one of the male suspects reached into her vest and removed her press credentials. According to the MONM victim, once the men saw the credentials were from the *New York Times*, the men become agitated and angry.

13. According to the statement provided to law enforcement, the men then pushed the MONM victim to the ground, taking her camera. While on the ground, she continued to fight the men off and began to scream loudly for help. After she screamed, the males began to walk away. According to the MONM victim, she got up, chased after the men, and grabbed the backpack of one of the men in an effort to get her camera back. According to the MONM victim, she told the men, “give me my camera back, that’s my livelihood,” however, one of the men again pushed the MONM victim away as the men fled the Capitol.

14. On or about January 13, 2021, the FBI obtained surveillance video from U.S. Capitol Police of this incident inside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Based on my experience and review, I believe that this surveillance video corroborates the actions as described by the MONM victim in paragraphs 12 and 13, above.

Identification of Sandy Pomeroy Weyer

15. As depicted on U.S. Capitol surveillance footage (see first image below), at approximately 2:42:53 p.m., while the MONM victim is being assaulted, a white middle-aged female, with auburn hair in a loose-fitted ponytail, wearing a red hoodie-style sweatshirt with the

words “2020 Trump” written in white on the front of the sweatshirt appears at the bottom of the staircase.



16. As depicted in images above, the woman has a jacket tied around her waist, a cross-

body bag, and a cell phone in her right hand. Initially, the woman appears to be staring at the top of the staircase in the direction of the landing. The woman then runs up toward the top of the staircase to the landing area. As depicted in the image above, at approximately, 2:43:06 p.m. the MONM victim runs down the staircase toward two of the men who assaulted and robbed her of her camera. The woman in the red sweatshirt has a cell phone in her right hand and is taking video of the MONM victim running down the stairs after the assault and theft. The woman in the red sweatshirt continues to film the interaction between the MONM victim and the two male individuals as the MONM victim attempts to retrieve her camera. Based on my review of the surveillance footage, it is apparent that the woman in the red sweatshirt is taking a video and that it appears to be taken via a social media platform, such as Facebook provides.

17. On January 7, 2021, the FBI received a tip through the FBI Office of Public Affairs Digital Media Tips website. The tipster, whose identity is known to the government, provided a screen capture of a photograph posted on Facebook that appears to have been taken outside the U.S. Capitol on (what appears to be) January 6, 2021. (See image below.) The photo is of six individuals, including a white middle-aged female, with auburn hair in a loose-fitted ponytail, wearing a red hoodie-style sweatshirt with the words “2020 Trump” written on the front of the sweatshirt. Along with the screen capture, the tipster also included the following:

“Sandy Pomeroy Weyer entered in the Capitol on Jan 6th with . . . I have screen shots of Sandy stating she stormed the Capitol. She also had a live however Facebook took it down. sandy also stated she has no fear when asked if gets in trouble with the police.”

The Facebook profile provided by the tipster indicated the subject was Sandy Pomeroy Weyer with a Facebook name: “Sandy Pomeroy Weyer.” Based on my visual comparison between the Facebook photo, provided by the tipster, and the surveillance video of the subject in the red sweatshirt, the person in these images appear to be the same. Additionally, the clothing,

complexion, hairstyle, and accessories of the person in the Facebook profile provided by the tipster appeared to match the person in the surveillance video described above.



Sandy Pomeroy Weyer



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Anyone know how to recover live video feed that Facebook removed?



23 Comments



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Sandy Pomeroy Weyer is with [REDACTED] and **2 others** in **Washington D.C.**



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18. I have reviewed a copy of a driver's license photo of Sandra S. Weyer residing at in Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. I have compared it with photos and videos taken at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Based on my review, I conclude the individual in the driver's license photo of Sandra S. Weyer appears to have similar physical characteristics as the individual who was present inside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, as shown above in paragraphs 15 and 17.

19. On or around January 29, 2021, law enforcement received records from Facebook for accounts associated with "Sandy Pomeroy Weyer." Facebook records identified two associated accounts. Facebook records also identified phone number [REDACTED] as being affiliated with the accounts.

20. On February 11, 2021, Facebook provided subscriber information for one account which listed a registration date of February 28, 2017, and a closure date of January 9, 2021. The name associated with the account is listed as Sandy Pomeroy Weyer and the account was verified, meaning the account holder responded to a text message sent to the telephone number [REDACTED]. On February 11, 2021, Facebook also provided subscriber information for another account, which listed a registration date of January 8, 2021 – one day prior to the deletion of the account associated with Sandy Pomeroy Weyer. The name associated with the new account is listed as Sandy Sue and the account was verified on January 8, 2021 using the cell phone number [REDACTED] – the same phone number used to verify the account associated with Sandy Pomeroy Weyer.

21. According to records obtained through a search warrant, on January 6, 2021, in and around the time of the incident, the cellphone associated [REDACTED] was identified as having utilized a cell site consistent with providing service to a geographic area that included the interior of the United States Capitol building.

Content from Facebook Search Warrant

22. I have reviewed the search warrant return from a warrant authorized by a magistrate judge in the District of Columbia for the Facebook accounts associated with Weyer. The account includes several postings regarding her intent in traveling to the United States Capitol and participating in the events of that day, including the riot at the U.S. Capitol. In addition, the account includes several lengthy videos which were live-streamed by Weyer on January 6, 2021.

23. For example, on or about on January 6, 2021 at 11:53:21 UTC, Weyer posted a photograph of her and other individuals in what appeared to be a vehicle with the status “Patriots on the way to Washington, DC.”

24. On or about on January 7, 2021, at 3:22:41 UTC, Weyer uploaded a photograph of what appears to be her and some of the same individuals who were in the earlier photo, outside the U.S. Capitol. Under the photograph, Weyer’s account had a text exchange with multiple other accounts, to include some but not all of, the following:

- Text to Sandy Pomeroy Weyer: “did u see the woman that got shot”;
- Text to Sandy Pomeroy Weyer from User W.D.: “Hope u guys had nothing to do with the riots they were all hoodlums And traitors”;
- User Sandy Pomeroy Weyer response to User W.D.: “I seen no riots. I saw Patriots sick of being lied to and the election being stolen from us! I saw no violence from the Patriots!”;
- User Sandy Pomeroy Weyer to another user: “I did what needed to be done! I’m happy.”

25. On or about on January 6, 2021, and January 7, 2021, Weyer’s account had the following chat exchange with Facebook user C.H.:

From C.H.: “Sandy lost your live feed. FBI on the way. Here are some pictures. The Patriot

in the office is in Pelosi chair. Not a good thing for the majority of us that wanted a peaceful protest.”

Sandy Pomeroy Weyer: “I didn't see any Trump supporters rioting or being violent. Now that doesn't mean that didn't happen but I only saw Patriots that are sick and tired of being lied to and having the vote stolen from us. We may have broken through the barricades and the doors to the Capitol...but I know that my group was not violent or rioting and I didn't see any other Patriots rioting or being violent.”

26. In another Facebook exchange on or around January 7, 2021, Weyer replied to a comment on a post from RM regarding the removal of materials Weyer posted on January 6, 2021, to her Facebook account:

“[y]es FB removed them. I got one back from a friend but I would like all them since I was right up front. The truth is on those videos!”

27. I have also reviewed the videos associated with Weyer’s account that were recorded on January 6, 2021. In one video, Weyer is outside the doors to the East Rotunda at the U.S. Capitol encouraging the crowd as it attempts to breach the doors at that entrance. She comments that the crowd had breached the barricades, and that she was at the U.S. Capitol. She joins the crowd in chanting: “STOP THE STEAL” and says, “taking our country back.”

28. In another video recorded from outside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, Weyer repeatedly joins the crowd in saying “LET US IN” and states that the crowd is trying to “break the fucking doors down.” Later in the same video, she joins the chant to “BREAK THAT DOOR.”

29. In another video, recorded from inside the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021, Weyer starts up the stairs near the East Rotunda entrance. As Weyer gets to the lower landing of the staircase, she records the assault on the MONM victim, who can be heard screaming for

approximately 10 seconds in the video. Weyer's video also captures the MONM victim getting up after being assaulted by several men on the upper landing. Weyer yells: "GET THE FUCK OUT" as the MONM victim descends the stairwell going toward her assailants. Weyer then yells: "FUCKING TRAITOR, GET THE FUCK OUT" as the MONM victim continues to descend the stairwell and attempts to grab at the backpack of her assailants and is pushed backward. Weyer's video then captures the MONM victim as she makes a second attempt to grab at the backpack of her assailants as they descend the stairwell. Weyer can be heard yelling: "GET HER OUT, MACE HER" as the MONM victim is again pushed back by her assailants as they flee.

30. In another video, recorded outside the Capitol following the assault on the MONM victim, Weyer appears to be responding to comments on her Facebook Live feed and states "[t]he woman who was screaming in the Capitol was, um, anti-Trump, let's put it that way, that's why they removed her."

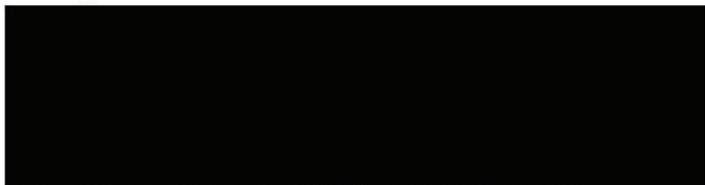
Probable Cause

31. Based on the foregoing, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that SANDY POMEROY WEYER 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; 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. 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.

32. Your affiant submits there is also probable cause to believe that SANDY POMEROY WEYER violated 40 U.S.C. § 5104(e)(2)(D) and (G), which make 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.

33. Your affiant submits that there is also probable cause to believe that SANDY POMEROY WEYER violated 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2) and § 2, which makes it a crime to corruptly obstruct, influence, or impede any official proceeding, including a proceeding of Congress, or make an attempt to do so, and aid and abet in doing so.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Attested to by the applicant in accordance with the requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by telephone, this 24th day of June 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robin M. Meriweather".

ROBIN M. MERIWEATHER
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE