

# 2021 Bias-Related Crimes Fact Sheet

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia



- ❖ Total number of offenses committed between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, that were supported by the Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) as potentially bias-related:<sup>1</sup> **149**
- ❖ Of the 149 total offenses supported by MPD as potentially bias-related, number of offenses presented by MPD to the U.S. Attorney’s Office (“USAO”) where MPD made an arrest: **47**<sup>2</sup>
- ❖ Of the 47 offenses presented to USAO where MPD made an arrest, number of cases in which USAO prosecuted the underlying offense: **33**
- ❖ Of the 33 cases in which USAO prosecuted the underlying offense, number of cases in which USAO charged a bias-related enhancement: **11**
  - United States v. Robert Laughter, 2021 CMD 352
  - United States v. John M. Newcomb-Howard, 2021 CMD 1529
  - United States v. Carlyn D. Heard, 2021 CMD 1948
  - United States v. Nicole Gogan, 2021 CMD 1968
  - United States v. Walter Velasquez, 2021 CMD 5968
  - United States v. Victor Irias, 2021 CMD 3068
  - United States v. Arthur Isreal, 2021 CF3 4124
  - United States v. Ivan M. Thomas, 2021 CF2 4147
  - United States v. Patrick Trebat, 2021 CF2 4517
  - United States v. Nicholas Clemons, 2021 CMD 4952
  - United States v. Susan Worley, 2021 CMD 7169
- ❖ In addition to the 11 cases supported as potentially bias-related by MPD in which USAO filed a bias-related enhancement, number of cases in which USAO charged a bias-related enhancement notwithstanding the fact that the case was not supported by MPD as potentially bias-related: **0**

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<sup>1</sup> Whether an offense is classified as a bias-related offense is subject to change as an investigation proceeds.

<sup>2</sup> This number does not include offenses that may have been presented by MPD to the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia where MPD made an arrest.

- ❖ Total number of cases involving offenses committed between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, in which USAO charged a bias-related enhancement in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia: 11
  
- ❖ Total number of cases involving offenses committed between January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, in which USAO charged a federal hate crime in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia: 0
  
- ❖ In the 11 cases in which USAO charged a bias-related enhancement in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, USAO charged that the underlying criminal act demonstrated the prejudice of the defendant based on the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:
  - United States v. Robert Laughter, 2021 CMD 352 (national origin)
  - United States v. John M. Newcomb-Howard, 2021 CMD 1529 (race or color)
  - United States v. Carlyn D. Heard, 2021 CMD 1948 (race or national origin)
  - United States v. Nicole Gogan, 2021 CMD 1968 (race)
  - United States v. Walter Velasquez, 2021 CMD 5968 (national origin)
  - United States v. Victor Irias, 2021 CMD 3068 (race)
  - United States v. Arthur Isreal, 2021 CF3 4124 (sexual orientation)
  - United States v. Ivan M. Thomas, 2021 CF2 4147 (gender identity/expression)
  - United States v. Patrick Trebat, 2021 CF2 4517 (national origin)
  - United States v. Nicholas Clemons, 2021 CMD 4952 (ethnicity or national origin)
  - United States v. Susan Worley, 2021 CMD 7169 (race)