

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
OCALA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO. 5:22-cr-15-GAP-PRL

JOHN JONES

**NOTICE OF MAXIMUM PENALTIES, ELEMENTS OF OFFENSE,  
PERSONALIZATION OF ELEMENTS AND FACTUAL BASIS**

The United States of America, by Roger B. Handberg, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, hereby files this Notice of Maximum Penalties, Elements of Offense, Personalization of Elements and Factual Basis, stating as follows:

**ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS**

The essential elements of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 111(b), forcibly assaulting a federal officer with use of a deadly weapon, are as follows:

**First:** The Defendant “forcibly assaulted” the person described in the indictment;

**Second:** The person assaulted was a federal officer performing an official duty; and

**Third:** The Defendant used a deadly or dangerous weapon

The essential elements of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1791(a)(2), possession of contraband by a federal prisoner, are as follows:

- First: The Defendant was an inmate of a federal prison or correctional facility at the time stated in the indictment;
- Second: At the time, the Defendant knowingly possessed the object described in the indictment; and
- Third: The object was a forbidden object

#### PENALTIES

The penalties for the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment are not more than twenty years' imprisonment, not more than three years' supervised release, not more than \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

The penalties for the offense charged in Count Two of the Indictment are not more than ten years' imprisonment, not more than three years' supervised release, not more than \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

#### PERSONALIZATION OF ELEMENTS

##### Count One:

Do you admit that on September 5, 2021, in the Middle District of Florida, you forcibly assaulted A.A.?

Do you admit that A.A. was a federal correctional officer performing an official duty?

Do you admit that you used a deadly or dangerous weapon, which was a sharp metal object?

Count Two:

Do you admit that on September 5, 2021, in the Middle District of Florida, you were an inmate of Coleman Federal Correctional Complex?

Do you admit that at the time you knowingly possessed a sharp metal object?

Do you admit the object was a forbidden object?

FACTUAL BASIS

John Jones is an inmate at the Coleman Federal Correctional Complex serving a life sentence. Jones has been in federal custody since 2013.

On August 30, 2021, Jones called someone from the prison complaining about his cellmate. On the call, Jones stated, “Don’t be surprised if I call you talking about how I killed one of these mother fuckers.” The conversation was about how Jones believed his cellmate was receiving special treatment, and he was angry with him.

On September 5, 2021, Jones’s cellmate was in a common area on the phone with his back turned away from Jones. Jones approached his cellmate from behind, and he used his right hand to stab his cellmate multiple times with a sharp metal object. The cellmate was stabbed in the right shoulder and left arm.

A correctional officer, A.A., approached Jones and used OC spray on him. Jones then turned his attention to A.A. Jones lunged at A.A. with his right arm extended and the sharp metal object exposed. The officer backed away from Jones and fell into a table. When A.A. was able to get back onto his feet, Jones charged at him a second time with his right arm extended.

Another correctional officer was able to apprehend Jones. The sharp metal object was recovered. The object was a six-and-a-half-inch weapon with a two-inch blade. The handle of the object was wrapped with a shoestring.



Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on August 24, 2022, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to the following:

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