

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO.: 21-CR-28 (APM)

KELLY MEGGS and CONNIE MEGGS,
Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS

COME NOW the defendants, KELLY MEGGS and CONNIE MEGGS, who, by and through undersigned counsel and pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 7(f), jointly file this Motion for Bills of Particulars seeking an Order directing the government to supply the following particulars in reference to the indictment filed in the above captioned case:

1. With respect to Count One, the date of the earliest statement and/or event upon which the prosecution will rely to prove that the conspiracy existed.

2. With respect to Count One, the nature of any and all statements and/or events, other than those already contained in the indictment, upon which the prosecution intends to rely to prove that the conspiracy existed.

3. With respect to Count One, the date and nature of the earliest statement and/or event upon which the prosecution will rely to establish when KELLY MEGGS joined the conspiracy.

4. With respect to Count One, the date and nature of the earliest statement and/or event upon which the prosecution will rely to establish when CONNIE MEGGS joined the conspiracy.

5. With respect to Count One, each and every statement upon which the government intends to rely to establish that KELLY MEGGS intended to enter the U.S. Capitol building prior to doing so on January 6th, 2021.

6. With respect to Count One, each and every statement upon which the government intends to rely to establish that CONNIE MEGGS intended to enter the U.S. Capitol building prior to doing so on January 6th, 2021.

7. With respect to Count Three, an identification of each act committed by KELLY MEGGS that caused damage to the Capitol and the monetary amount of that damage.

8. With respect to Count Three, an identification of each act committed by CONNIE MEGGS that caused damage to the Capitol and the monetary amount of that damage.

MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS

Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 7(f) provides that the Court may direct the filing of a bill of particulars upon the motion of a defendant. The purpose of a bill of particulars is to apprise the defendant of the nature of the charges, in such a way as to ensure that he or she: (1) understands the charges, (2) can prepare a defense, (3) can avoid prejudicial surprise at trial, and (4) can be possible be protected against retrial for the same offense. *United States v. Butler*, 822 F. 2d 1191 (D.C. Cir. 1987); *See, e.g., United States v. Ramirez*, 602 F. Supp. 783, 793 (S.D.N.Y. 1985). The determination as to whether a bill of particulars should be provided is within the discretion of the trial court. *United States v. Butler*, 822 F. 2d at 1194.

In the present case, the defendants are charged in Count One of the above captioned indictment with conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding; namely, Congress' certification of the Electoral College vote for the 2020 United States Presidential Election. Doc. 127. The

government alleges the existence of an agreement to do so and that part of the conspiracy was “[f]orcibly storming past exterior barricades, Capitol Police, and other law enforcement officers, and entering the Capitol complex in executing the January 6th operation” in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1512(c)(2).” It is further alleged that the defendants forcibly entered the Capitol thereby causing to the building in an amount in excess of \$1,000.00 in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1361. Doc. 127.

While government alleges in its indictment the existence of a conspiracy joined by Mr. and Mrs. Meggs that spanned “from November 3, 2020 through January 6, 2021,” it was recently revealed that the transcript of a particular encrypted chat alleged to have transpired as part of the planning of the January 6th incident “prior to January 6, 2021, ... does not contain any explicit references to a plan to forcibly enter the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.” Because the allegations in the indictment as to the conspiracy clearly pre-date January 6th, 2021, the information sought by this Motion for Bill of Particulars is absolutely necessary to permit Mr. and Mrs. Meggs to adequately prepare a defense to the conspiracy alleged in Count One.

Additionally, in Count Three of the indictment, it is specifically alleged that the defendants caused damage to the United States Capitol building in excess of \$1,000.00. In a communication received from the government regarding video evidence of the defendants allegedly entering the Capitol, the government concedes the damage to the building occurred prior to Mr. and Mrs. Meggs physically making it to the point of entry of the building, clearly establishing neither of them caused any damage as alleged in the indictment. The government, however, couches its admission by stating “[t]he timing of the other damage is not clear at this time.” The inference appears to be that the government anticipates there to be evidence of other damage caused by the

defendants sufficient to warrant the charge. In light of the government's admission as to the evidence as to Count Three, in order for the defendants to adequately prepare a defense to that charge, a Bill of Particulars specifically setting forth the information sought hereby is absolutely essential.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court grant this Motion for Bill of Particulars.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 13, 2021, 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: Office of the United States Attorney.

/s/ David Anthony Wilson
DAVID ANTHONY WILSON