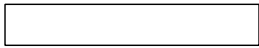




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Cliven Bundy Charged with Conspiracy, Extortion

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Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy was [charged](#) Thursday with six federal felonies: conspiracy, use of deadly weapon, obstruction of justice and extortion.

Bundy, whose sons Ammon and Ryan Bundy led the armed occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, was not charged for his involvement in the Eastern Oregon takeover—but for leading a 2014 armed standoff with federal authorities in Nevada over \$1 million in grazing fees.

The rancher was charged with “leading a massive armed assault” against federal agents who were planning to seize his cattle. The federal officials backed away from a confrontation at the time.

Bundy was arrested Wednesday night when he arrived at the Portland airport to visit his sons, Ammon and Ryan, Bundy, who have been locked up in Multnomah County jail since their arrest. He’s joined his sons in lockup.

Here is the full [criminal complaint](#), released this morning.

It’s unclear how the case against Cliven Bundy will overlap with the federal trial of Ammon Bundy and his followers, who seized federal buildings in Eastern Oregon last month.

But the intersection has already drawn at least one anti-government protester to downtown Portland, as Leah Sottile [reports on Twitter](#).

<http://www.wweek.com/2016/02/11/nevada-rancher-cliven-bundy-charged-with-conspiracy-extortion/>

Here is the indictment on Cliven Bundy: [cliven-bundy-complaint1](#)

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