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# THE PROUD BOYS

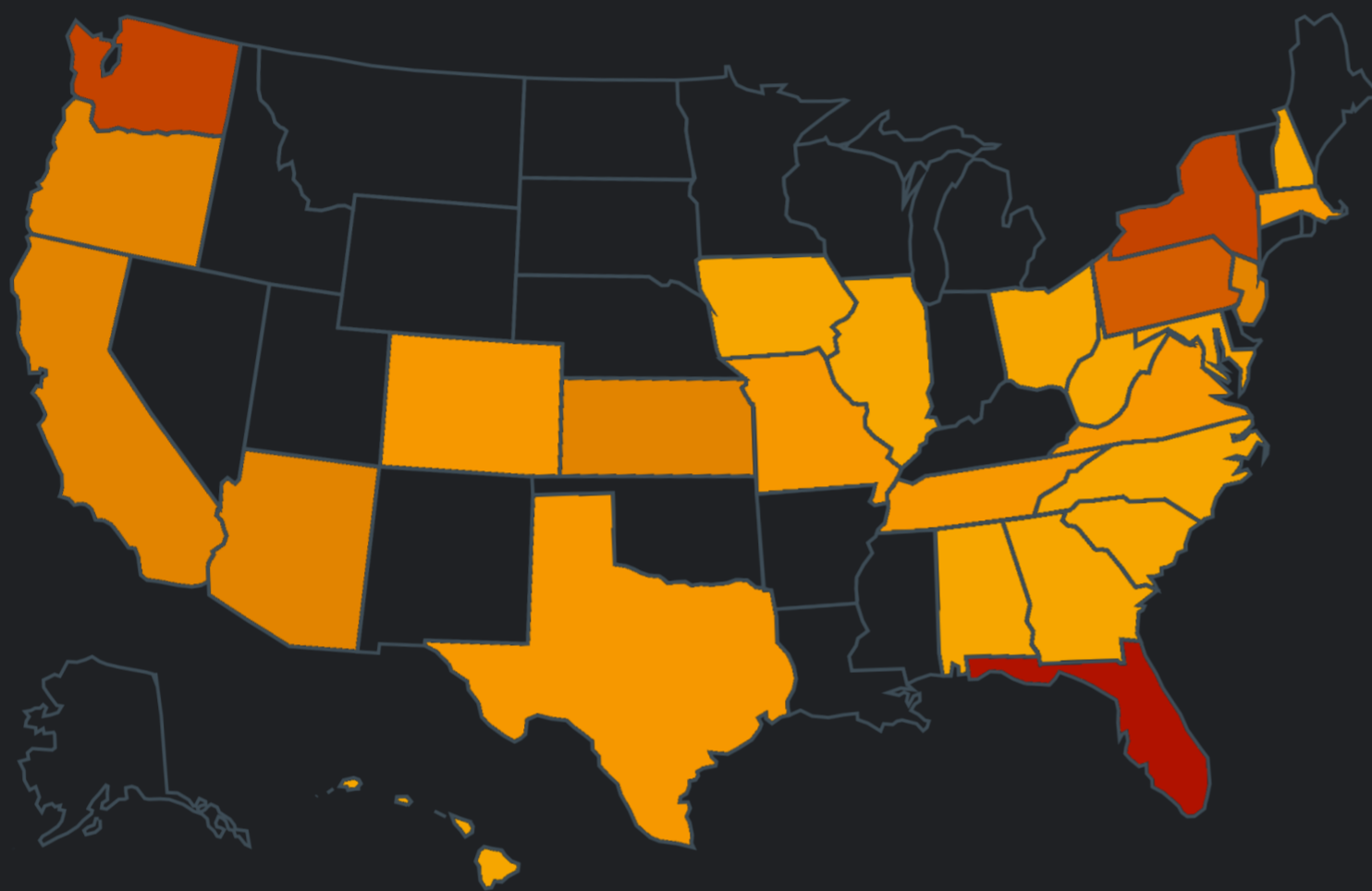


# 105

cases. 74 cases linked to the events of January 6, 2021, of which 21 are charged with assault and 18 of which are charged with conspiring to obstruct the congressional proceeding.

## NUMBERS BY STATE

To date, 27 states have had at least one charge within their borders



AL	1	IL	1	OH	1
AZ	5	KS	4	OR	5
CA	4	MA	2	PA	8
CO	2	MD	3	SC	1
DC	2	MO	2	TN	3
FL	19	NC	1	TX	2
GA	1	NH	1	VA	3
HI	1	NJ	4	WA	10
IA	1	NY	14	WV	1

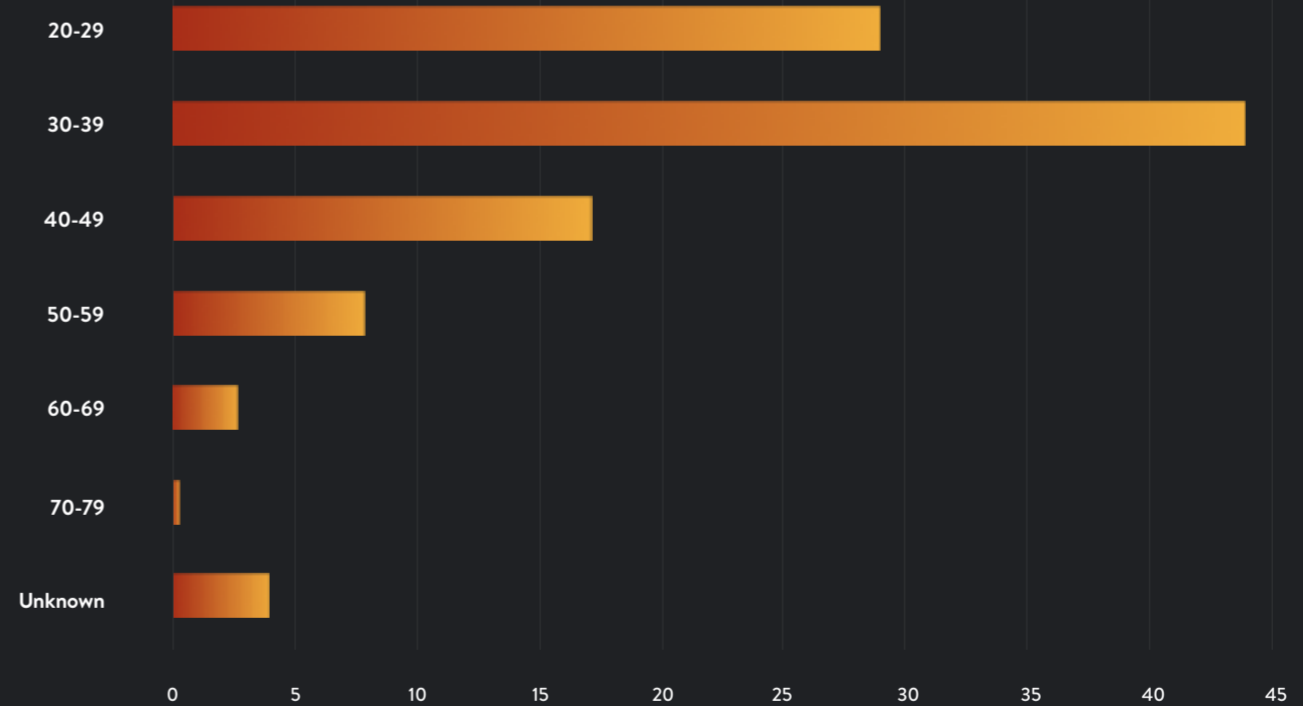
## 6.3

months average sentence length

## 35.8

Average age

## AGE



## 98/105

are male

## 52/105

pleaded guilty or convicted by trial

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## ARRESTS

### Jeffrey Perrine

**Date:** March 23, 2023

**State:** California

Jeffrey Perrine, a resident of Roseville, California, was arrested for disturbing the peace following a gathering outside of the home of a reverend who serves as the leader of a local LGBTQ+ youth group. According to media reports, Proud Boys were parading outside of Reverend Casey Tinnin's home with a megaphone and called him a groomer, pedophile, and said he should not feel safe in his own neighborhood. During a school board meeting on March 23, 2023, Perrine, a self-identified Proud Boy, reportedly stated that "I'm the guy who went to his house and I recommend that everyone joins me cause I'll be there tonight again." Perrine and approximately 30 spectators and protestors then reportedly demonstrated outside of Tinnin's residence, before a citizen's arrest was made on Perrine and he was subsequently arrested and cited by local law enforcement.

**Sources:** KCRA, Gold Country Media

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

### James Robert Elliott

**Date:** November 2, 2022

**State:** Illinois

James Robert Elliott, a resident of Aurora, Illinois, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to Assaulting, Resisting, or Impeding Certain Officers or Employees in relation to his criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Elliott traveled to the Washington Monument on the morning of January 6 and then marched toward the Capitol with other Proud Boys, wearing a ballistic vest, helmet, hard-knuckle gloves, and a Baofeng radio. He also carried a flag with a wooden pole. Elliott and other Proud Boys crossed onto the restricted Capitol grounds and joined a large group of rioters attempting to overwhelm police officers on the Lower West Terrace. Elliott swung his flagpole at officers and then thrust it at the line of police in front of him, making contact with an officer. He then moved forward to the base of the inauguration scaffolding, before being repelled by chemical irritants deployed by police.

**Sources:** DOJ Press Release, Plea Agreement, Statement of Offense

### Isaiah Giddings

**Date:** December 1, 2022

**State:** California

Isaiah Giddings, a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to one count of Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds stemming from his criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to court documents, Giddings joined the Philadelphia chapter of the Proud

Boys in July of 2020, and mobilized with the group to protest the 2020 elections results in Washington, D.C. in November and December of 2020, during which there were violent altercations with members of Antifa. On January 5, 2021, Giddings traveled with Zachary Rehl – the president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Proud Boys – and several co-defendants to Washington, D.C. On January 6, 2021, Giddings and other members of the Proud Boys entered restricted Capitol grounds and entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Door. Giddings, Rehl, and his co-defendants then entered Senator Jeff Merkley’s hideaway office, where the group posed for pictures.

**Sources:** Plea Agreement, Statement of Offense

## Nicholas Ochs

**Date:** December 9, 2022

**State:** Hawaii

Nicholas Ochs, a resident of Honolulu, Hawaii, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 48 months incarceration after pleading guilty to Obstruction of an Official Proceeding for his role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. DeCarlo traveled to Washington D.C. with his co-defendant, Nicholas DeCarlo, and the pair entered restricted Capitol grounds together following the “Stop the Steal” rally at the Ellipse on January 6. DeCarlo and Ochs joined a crowd of rioters attacking police officers in the West Plaza, with DeCarlo throwing a smoke grenade and Ochs throwing a smoke bomb towards the police line. The pair then entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Doors, filming themselves entering the Crypt of the Capitol and celebrating with fellow Proud Boys. Court records show that at the time of the attack on the U.S. Capitol, Ochs was an “Elder” within the Proud Boys – a small group of senior leaders who played a significant role in the national mobilization of the Proud Boys both before and during January 6. In this role, Ochs was part of secure internal group chats used by senior Proud Boys members as they engaged in plans to travel to the U.S. Capitol in order to prevent the peaceful transfer of presidential power.

**Sources:** Government Sentencing Memorandum, Defense Sentencing Memorandum, Judgment

## Nicholas DeCarlo

**Date:** December 9, 2022

**Age:** 30

**State:** Texas

Nicholas DeCarlo, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 48 months incarceration after pleading guilty to Obstruction of an Official Proceeding for his role in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. DeCarlo traveled to Washington D.C. with his co-defendant, Nicholas Ochs, and the pair entered restricted Capitol grounds together following the “Stop the Steal” rally at the Ellipse on January 6. DeCarlo and Ochs joined a crowd of rioters attacking police officers in the West Plaza, with DeCarlo throwing a smoke grenade and Ochs throwing a smoke bomb towards the police line. The pair then entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Doors, filming themselves entering the Crypt of the Capitol and celebrating with fellow Proud Boys. Court records detail the extent of DeCarlo’s affiliation with the Proud Boys, including his “Proud Boy” arm tattoo, appearance on an NBC News segment in Proud Boys colors and self-identification as a Proud Boy, and his 2020 communications with Proud Boys leader Enrique Tarrio.

**Sources:** Government Sentencing Memorandum, Defense Sentencing Memorandum, Judgment

## Daniel Goodwyn

**Date:** January 31, 2023

**State:** California

Daniel Goodwyn, a resident of San Francisco, California, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to Entering and Remaining in a Restricted Building or Grounds stemming from his criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to the plea agreement, Goodwyn traveled from San Francisco, California, to Washington, D.C. to attend the “Stop the Steal” rally at the Ellipse before marching with other rioters to the Capitol. Goodwyn and other rioters entered onto restricted Capitol grounds and gathered on the Lower West Terrace, where Goodwyn used a bullhorn to encourage others to enter the Capitol. Goodwyn then entered the Capitol building through the Senate Wing door, where he encountered a law enforcement officer who told him to leave the building.

**Sources:** DOJ Press Release, Tarrío Indictment, Government Memorandum in Support of Motion for Detention

## Gabriel Morgan Brown

**Date:** January 31, 2023

**State:** New York

Gabriel Morgan Brown, a resident of Bayville, New York, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to two misdemeanor counts related to his criminal conduct during the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Brown pleaded guilty to one count of Disorderly and Disruptive Conduct in a Restricted Building or Grounds, as well as one count of Act of Physical Violence on U.S. Capitol Grounds. According to the plea agreement, Brown entered restricted Capitol grounds and approached a media staging area, where he joined a crowd destroying media equipment. Brown also approached the western entrance of the Capitol with a bullhorn, encouraging other rioters and telling them to prepare for “violent revolution.”

**Sources:** Plea Agreement, Statement of Offense

## Michael Eckerman

**Date:** March 8, 2023

**State:** Kansas

Michael Eckerman, a resident of Wichita, Kansas, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 24 months incarceration after pleading guilty to assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers during the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. After marching from the Ellipse to restricted Capitol grounds, Eckerman and his co-defendants ascended stairs from the West Plaza to the Upper West Terrace before entering the Capitol building through the Senate Wing doors. Once inside the Capitol, Eckerman moved to the front of a group of rioters who were confronting a line of police within the building. As one officer attempted to restrain him, Eckerman pushed him back forcefully, causing the officer to stumble backward down several steps and fall to the ground. This caused a hole to form within the police line, allowing rioters to surge forward and move deeper into the Capitol. The officer pushed to the ground by Eckerman was then assaulted by another rioter, who sprayed him in the face with a fire extinguisher while the officer was recovering from Eckerman’s attack.

**Sources:** Government Sentencing Memorandum, Defense Sentencing Memorandum, Judgment

## Shawn Price

**Date:** April 3, 2023

**State:** New Jersey

Shawn Price, a resident of Rockaway, New Jersey, was sentenced in the District of Columbia to 12 months and one day of incarceration after pleading guilty to felony civil disorder during the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to court records, Price was Vice President of his local New Jersey chapter of the Proud Boys who led a group of New Jersey Proud Boys to the Lower West Terrace of the restricted Capitol grounds on January 6. Once there, Price led his group to the front of the crowd of rioters to forcibly interfere with police attempting to prevent entrance into the Capitol building.

**Sources:** DOJ Press Release, Government Sentencing Memorandum, Defense Sentencing Memorandum, Judgment

## Proud Boys Seditious Conspiracy Trial Group

**Date:** May 4, 2023

Five Proud Boys were convicted by a jury in the District of Columbia on felony charges related to the attack on the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Four leaders of the Proud Boys—Enrique Tarrío, Ethan Nordean, Joseph Biggs, and Zachary Rehl—were found guilty of seditious conspiracy and conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding. The four defendants as well as co-defendant Dominic Pezzola were also found guilty of obstructing an official proceeding, conspiring to prevent officials from discharging their duties, civil disorder, and destruction of government property. Pezzola was also found guilty of assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers and robbery involving government property.

**Sources:** DOJ Press Release

## Christopher John Worrell

**Date:** May 12, 2023

**State:** Florida

Christopher Worrell, a resident of East Naples, Florida, was found guilty on seven counts following a bench trial in the District of Columbia stemming from his criminal conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. Worrell, a member of the Proud Boys, mobilized to the U.S. Capitol with Proud Boys wearing a tactical vest with a Gadsden flag patch and a canister of pepper spray, and ultimately entered restricted Capitol grounds with a larger group of Proud Boys. Worrell was found guilty of using a deadly or dangerous weapon – in this instance, the canister of pepper spray – in an effort to forcibly assault, resist, or impede certain officers during his criminal conduct on Capitol grounds. He was also found guilty of felony civil disorder, obstruction of an official proceeding, and misdemeanor offenses stemming from his illegal presence on Capitol grounds with a deadly or dangerous weapon. Evidence introduced by prosecutors highlights Worrell’s association with the Proud Boys, including his travel to Washington D.C. with other Proud Boys from his regional “zone” and communication with fellow Proud Boys both before and during January 6, 2021.

**Sources:** WGCU