

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION – FELONY BRANCH**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Criminal Nos.	2017CF2001160
	:		2017CF2001155
v.	:		2017CF2001206
	:		2017CF2001338
AKERICH, CHRISTOPHER	:		2017CF2001224
ALLEN, RICHARD	:		2017CF2001225
ALSIP, OLIVIA	:		2017CF2001215
ANDONI, RAMIZ	:		2017CF2001165
ARMBRUSTER, NICOLE	:		2017CF2001334
BACKUS, STEVEN	:		2017CF2001189
BAJPAI, VISHAL	:		2017CF2001335
BARNAK, JASHUA	:		2017CF2001243
BASILLAS, MICHAEL	:		2017CF2001213
BEALE, CASSANDRA	:		2017CF2001322
BICKARD, EDWARD	:		2017CF2001172
BOGIN, WILLIAM	:		2017CF2001300
BREWER, PHILIP	:		2017CF2001304
CABEZA, CARLOS	:		2017CF2001380
CADMAN, SETH	:		2017CF2001349
CAIN, KIMBERLY	:		2017CF2001296
CANTU, AARON	:		2017CF2001198
CARTER, MOLLY	:		2017CF2001163
DALTO, ISSAC	:		2017CF2001368
ESPAILLAT, MALLY	:		2017CF2001383
FASSLER, ELLA	:		2017CF2001245
FELICE, ANTHONY	:		2017CF2001307
GLASER, PHILLIP	:		2017CF2001169
GOLENBERG, SALINE	:		2017CF2007212
GONZALEZ, MICHAEL	:		2017CF2001238
GRANT, LAN	:		2017CF2001252
GRAZIO, ALEXA	:		2017CF2001333
HESSLER, MATTHEW	:		2017CF2001212
HOOPEs, JAMES	:		2017CF2001356
HYNDMAN, PETER	:		2017CF2001235
JONES, PATRICK	:		2017CF2001246
KAAZ, SPENCER	:		2017CF2001320
LAGESSE, ELIZABETH	:		2017CF2001201
LITCHFIELD, CHRISTOPHER	:		2017CF2001161
LOADENTHAL, MICHAEL	:		2017CF2001237
LUPO, JOSEPH	:		2017CF2001241
MABIROU, DUKE	:		2017CF2001176
MARTINEZ, RUDY	:		2017CF2001149
MATTHEWS, MARISA	:		2017CF2007216
MCGOWAN-ARNOLD, LUKE	:		2017CF2001311

MELTZER, DANIEL	:	2017CF2001174
MIELKE, GABRIEL	:	2017CF2001234
PETROHILOS, DYLAN	:	2017CF2001378
PHIPPS, EMELINE	:	2017CF2001247
PIANTINI, CARLO	:	2017CF2001295
POWELL, CAMERON	:	2017CF2001227
RETFERFORD, CLAY	:	2017CF2001326
RICHARDSON, COLTON	:	2017CF2001257
RONCALES, ROSA	:	2017CF2001355
SETZER, RANDALL	:	2017CF2001203
STEFFON, JOAN	:	2017CF2001369
STRASBURGER, BRETON	:	2017CF2001156
UNGER, CAROLINE	:	2017CF2001242
VALENCIA, CHRISTIAN	:	2017CF2001344
VASQUEZ, ARTURO	:	2017CF2007213
WEBBER, CASEY	:	
WEBERMANN, MICHAEL	:	
WEILEIN, OLIVER	:	
WRIGHT, KYLE	:	Chief Judge Robert Morin
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GOVERNMENT’S NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROCEED

The United States, by and through its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, respectfully submits this notice of its intent to proceed with all of the pending charges set forth in the superseding indictment (to include felony charges) for the above-captioned fifty-nine (59) defendants.

On January 20, 2017, several hundred people met in and around Logan Circle in Washington, D.C., to participate in an anti-capitalist march without a parade permit. This unpermitted anti-capitalist march was advertised and planned, with instructions for participants to wear black clothing. In addition, the term “black bloc” was used by organizers in planning meetings. The planned use of a black bloc is significant in this case. The term “black bloc” refers to a tactic, not a particular group or organization, and is frequently used when participants within the larger black-bloc group intend to commit violence or destruction of property.

On January 20, 2017, several hundred people participated in a black bloc as part of the unpermitted anti-capitalist march that started in Logan Circle and moved through downtown DC. At or about 10:19 AM on January 20, 2017, a black bloc moved south from Logan Circle on 13th Street NW. Within minutes of leaving Logan Circle, individuals participating in the black bloc began to destroy or damage public and private property. The black bloc continued moving through the streets of the District of Columbia for approximately sixteen (16) blocks for more than thirty (30) minutes, while participants in the black bloc continued to destroy or damage property as the group moved. It was a riot. At approximately 10:52 AM on January 20, 2017, after law enforcement formed a police line in the area of 12th and L Streets NW, approximately 200 members of the black bloc charged the police line that was attempting to contain the black bloc in the area of 12th and L Streets NW, Washington, D.C. Although some black bloc participants were able to break through the police line, law enforcement was ultimately able to contain what remained of the black bloc.

On or about April 27, 2017, a grand jury returned a superseding indictment charging 215 defendants with various offenses in connection with the riot on January 20, 2017. All 215 individuals are charged with Counts 1-8 of the indictment – that is, Urging or Inciting a Riot (felony), Engaging in a Riot, Conspiracy to Engage in a Riot, and five counts of Destruction of Property (felony). In total, twenty (20) defendants have entered guilty pleas. Currently, there are 188 defendants charged in the superseding indictment with criminal cases pending.

In light of the legal rulings by the court and the jury's verdicts in the first trial of these cases, the government has decided to proceed with all of the pending charges set forth in the superseding indictment (to include felony charges) for the above-captioned fifty-nine (59) defendants. The government is focusing its efforts on prosecuting those defendants who: (1)

engaged in identifiable acts of destruction, violence, or other assaultive conduct; (2) participated in the planning of the violence and destruction; and/or (3) engaged in conduct that demonstrates a knowing and intentional use of the black-bloc tactic on January 20, 2017, to perpetrate, aid or abet violence and destruction. A list of these fifty-nine (59) defendants, along with their criminal case number, and current trial date, is contained in a chart attached as Exhibit A.

The government will file individual motions to dismiss, without prejudice, the indictment against the remaining 129 defendants whose cases remain pending. In so doing, the court, the government, and the fifty-nine (59) defendants can proceed more expeditiously with their trials. The government further requests that the court consolidate certain trial dates given this significant development. The government submits that all parties (to include the defendants and their defense counsel) would benefit from the consolidation of trial dates.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Jennifer A. Kerkhoff

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was served using the CaseFileXpress system upon the listed attorneys for the above-captioned defendants in this case on this 18th day of January 2018.

/s/ Jennifer A. Kerkhoff

JENNIFER A. KERKHOFF
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A

Defendant Name	Case Number	Current Trial Date
Akerich, Christopher	2017CF2001160	10/15/18
Allen, Richard	2017CF2001155	10/15/18
Alsip, Olivia	2017CF2001206	3/5/18
Andoni, Ramiz	2017CF2001338	7/23/18
Armbruster, Nicole	2017CF2001224	4/23/18
Backus, Steven	2017CF2001225	6/25/18
Bajpai, Vishal	2017CF2001215	8/6/18
Barnak, Jashua	2017CF2001165	3/5/18
Basillas, Michael	2017CF2001334	5/14/18
Beale, Cassandra	2017CF2001189	5/29/18
Bickard, Edward	2017CF2001335	5/14/18
Bogin, William	2017CF2001243	7/16/18
Brewer, Philip	2017CF2001213	9/10/18
Cabeza, Carlos	2017CF2001322	7/23/18
Cadman, Seth	2017CF2001172	4/30/18
Cain, Kimberly	2017CF2001300	3/26/18
Cantu, Aaron	2017CF2001304	10/15/18
Carter, Molly	2017CF2001380	5/29/18
Dalto, Issac	2017CF2001349	5/7/18
Espaillet, Mally	2017CF2001296	3/26/18
Fassler, Ella	2017CF2001198	9/17/18
Felice, Anthony	2017CF2001163	3/26/18
Glaser, Phillip	2017CF2001368	5/29/18
Golenberg, Saline	2017CF2001383	6/11/18
Gonzalez, Michael	2017CF2001245	10/1/18
Grant, Lan	2017CF2001307	5/14/18
Grazio, Alexa	2017CF2001169	6/4/18
Hessler, Matthew	2017CF2007212	4/17/18
Hoopes, James	2017CF2001238	3/26/18
Hyndman, Peter	2017CF2001252	8/20/18
Jones, Patrick	2017CF2001333	7/23/18
Kaaz, Spencer	2017CF2001212	3/5/18
Lagesse, Elizabeth	2017CF2001356	7/9/18
Litchfield, Christopher	2017CF2001235	4/17/18
Loadenthal, Michael	2017CF2001246	10/29/18
Lupo, Joseph	2017CF2001320	9/17/18

Mabirou, Duke	2017CF2001201	8/6/18
Martinez, Rudy	2017CF2001161	7/16/18
Matthews, Marisa	2017CF2001237	8/6/18
Mcgowan-Arnold, Luke	2017CF2001241	6/18/18
Meltzer, Daniel	2017CF2001176	3/5/18
Mielke, Gabriel	2017CF2001149	3/5/18
Petrohilos, Dylan	2017CF2007216	4/17/18
Phipps, Emeline	2017CF2001311	7/9/18
Piantini, Carlo	2017CF2001174	3/5/18
Powell, Cameron	2017CF2001234	8/20/18
Retherford, Clay	2017CF2001378	4/17/18
Richardson, Colton	2017CF2001247	3/26/18
Roncales, Rosa	2017CF2001295	8/6/18
Setzer, Randall	2017CF2001227	8/20/18
Steffon, Joan	2017CF2001326	3/26/18
Strasburger, Breton	2017CF2001257	6/4/18
Unger, Caroline	2017CF2001355	4/17/18
Valencia, Christian	2017CF2001203	4/23/18
Vasquez, Arturo	2017CF2001369	5/29/18
Webber, Casey	2017CF2001156	5/7/18
Webermann, Michael	2017CF2001242	9/10/18
Weilein, Oliver	2017CF2001344	4/23/18
Wright, Kyle	2017CF2007213	6/4/18