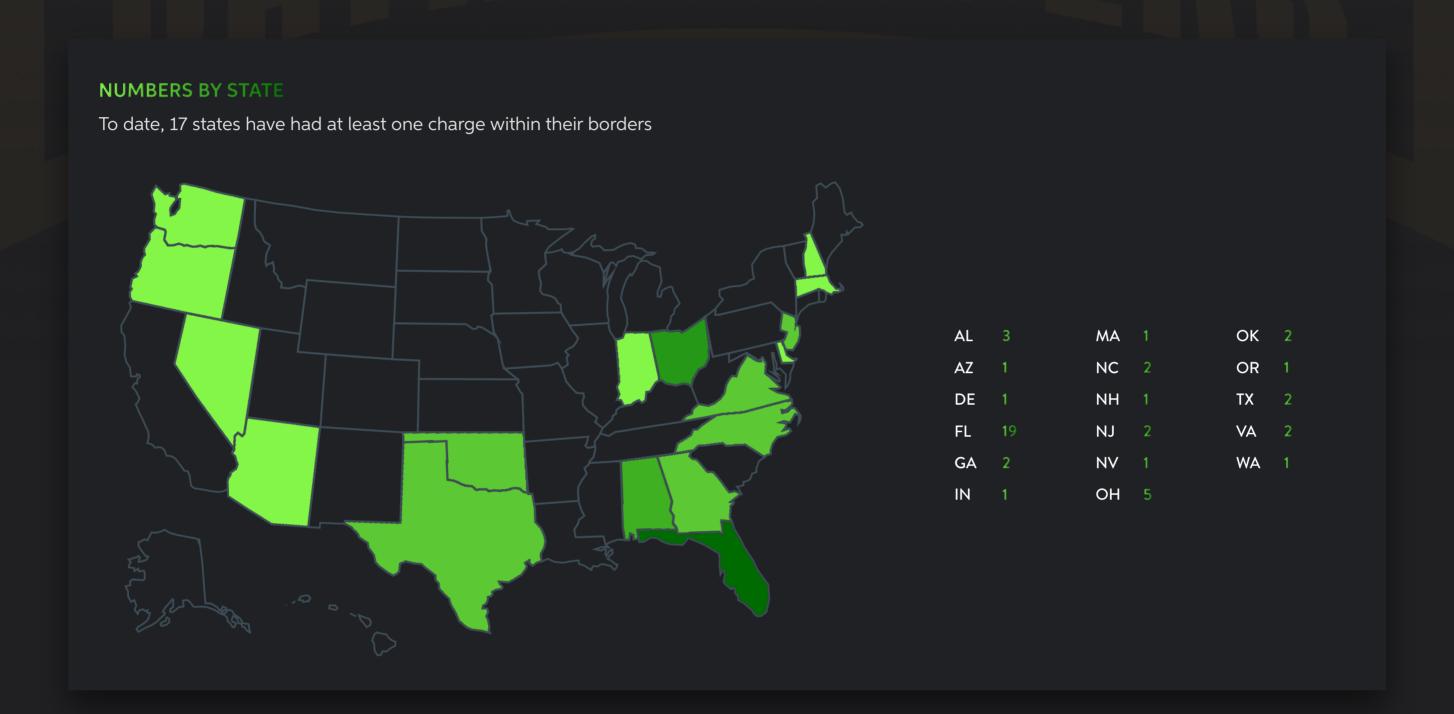
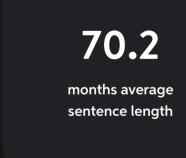
OATH KEEPERS



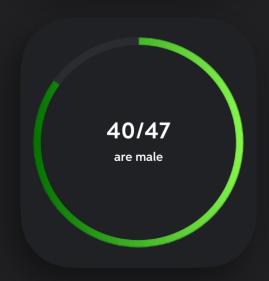
47

cases. **31** cases linked to the events of January 6, 2021, of which 1 is charged with assault and 25 of which are charged with conspiring to obstruct the congressional proceeding

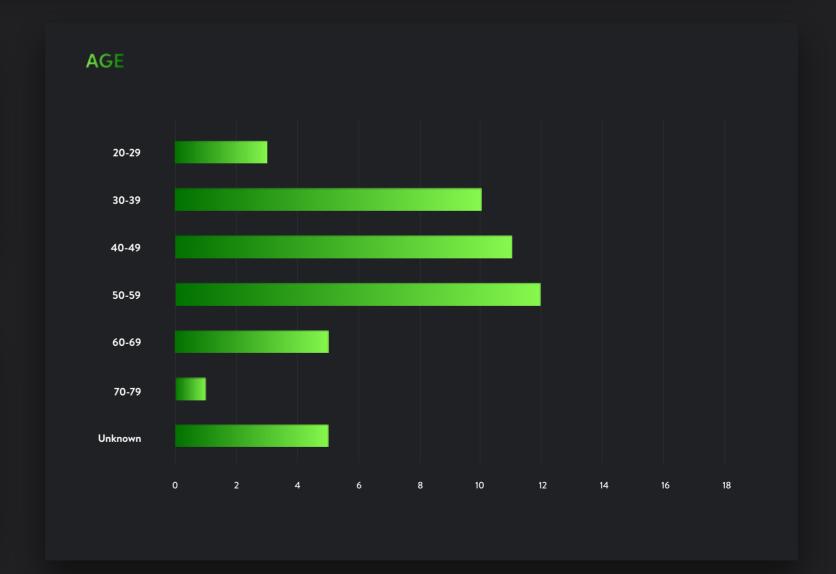












Acknowledgement

This material is based upon work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number 20STTPC00001-01

Disclaimer

The views and conclusions contained in this document are those of the authors and should not be interpreted as necessarily representing the official policies, either expressed or implied, of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Geoffrey Samuel Shough

Date: March 1, 2022

Age: 37 **State:** Texas

Geoffrey Samuel Shough, a 37-year-old resident of Austin, Texas, was arrested and charged in the District of Columbia with felony civil disorder and misdemeanor trespassing offenses stemming from his alleged conduct at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. According to the statement of facts, tipsters identified Shough in numerous "Be on the Lookout" posters (BOLO) of an individual with a Texas flag, orange-brown jacket, body armor vest and ballistic-style helmet illegally entering the U.S. Capitol building and confronting law enforcement. Photographic evidence presented by the Department of Justice appears to show Shough moving across restricted Capitol grounds and ultimately forcing his way into the building through the Senate Wing Door. Further, court records indicate that a review of Shough's financial records showed a December 17, 2020, payment of \$129.99 made to "Oath Keepers" and the affiant observed an Oath Keepers patch or decal on the back of the helmet Shough wore on January 6.

Sources: Shough Complaint, Shough Statement of Facts, Austin American-Statesman

Joshua James

Date: March 2, 2022

Age: 34

State: Alabama

Joshua James, a 34-year-old resident of Arab, Alabama, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding for his actions before, during and after the breach of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. James, the regional leader of the Alabama chapter of the Oath Keepers, admitted that beginning in November 2020, he conspired with Oath Keepers leader Elmer Stewart Rhodes and other Oath Keepers members and affiliates to use force to prevent the peaceful transfer of presidential power. According to the statement of offense, James and his co-defendants "used encrypted and private communications, equipped themselves with a variety of weapons, donned combat and tactical gear, and were prepared to answer Rhodes's call to take up arms." James admitted that he and his co-defendants engaged in numerous overt acts in furtherance of this plot, including bringing numerous firearms to the Washington, D.C. area for use by the Oath Keepers' Quick Reaction Force (QRF). On January 6, 2021, James and several co-defendants formed a second Oath Keepers stack which unlawfully entered the Capitol through the East Rotunda Doors. James was arrested and charged in March 2021.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, James Plea Agreement, James Statement of Offense, NBC News

Brian Ulrich

Date: April 29, 2022

Age: 44

State: Alabama

Brian Ulrich, a 44-year-old resident of Guyton, Georgia, pleaded guilty in the District of Columbia to seditious conspiracy and obstruction of an official proceeding for his role in the events of January 6, 2021, at the U.S. Capitol.

As with his co-defendant Joshua James, Ulrich's plea notes that he conspired with Oath Keepers leader Elmer Stewart Rhodes and other Oath Keepers members and affiliates to prevent the peaceful transfer of presidential power on January 6. Ulrich joined a Signal group chat titled "Oath Keepers of Georgia" in the aftermath of the 2020 Presidential Election, and began engaging in discussions regarding efforts to use force to obstruct the democratic process. On December 5, 2020, Ulrich messaged the group, "I seriously wonder what it would take just to get ever [sic] patriot marching around the capital armed! Just to show our government how powerless they are! That if they continue to rape out constitution—these are the folks who they will be dealing with." Weeks later, Rhodes messaged the group about fighting a "bloody revolution/civil war to defeat the traitors" if the election results were certified. On January 6, Ulrich and several co-defendants traveled from the Mayflower Hotel to Capitol grounds on golf carts and ultimately formed the second Oath Keepers stack which forcibly entered the Capitol through the East Rotunda Doors. Ulrich was arrested on August 9, 2021.

Sources: DOJ Press Release, Ulrich Plea Agreement, Ulrich Statement of Offense, Washington Post