



# United States Capitol Police

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### **Union reaction to charges relating to Officer Sicknick assault**

The Capitol Police Union welcomes reports of charges being laid in connection with an assault on fellow USCP Officer Sicknick, who died after the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection at the Capitol.

Two men have been arrested and charged with assaulting Officer Sicknick and two other officers during the insurrection. Officer Sicknick died the next day.

Julian Elie Khater, 32, of Pennsylvania, and George Pierre Tanios, 39, of West Virginia, are alleged to have worked together to spray police, including Officer Sicknick and the two other officers with a toxic chemical spray during the Capitol riot.

They now face charges including Assault on a Federal Officer, Conspiracy, Civil Disorder, Obstruction, Physical Violence on Restricted Grounds, Violent Entry, and Aiding and Abetting.

Union Chairman Gus Papathanasiou says, “The charges filed against these two defendants are extremely serious. As the investigation continues, we will wait to see if additional charges are filed against these men, or other defendants who have not yet been charged in connection with Officer Sicknick.”

“I want to personally thank the FBI Agents and the U.S Attorney’s office who are working day and night on cases arising from the Capitol riot. Thus far, more than 300 individuals have been charged and the investigation is ongoing.”

“In total, we have around 140 USCP and Metropolitan Police Officers who were injured during the January 6<sup>th</sup> insurrection. Some of these officers may never be able to return to duty and we owe it to each of them to ensure their assailants are brought to justice.”