

JANUARY 6: ON THE TRACK OF THE MISSING LAPTOPS

In recent days there have been developments in the investigation into two laptops stolen on January 6. First, a woman in Homer, Alaska claims the FBI seized her own devices, based off a suspicion that she is the woman who currently has Nancy Pelosi's laptop.

Marilyn and Paul Hueper, owners of the Homer Inn and Spa, told Alaska's News Source that agents broke through their door early Wednesday morning with guns drawn, handcuffed the couple and two guests, and started searching the premises.

"They basically took me out of the handcuffs and said something like, 'So you probably know why we're here.' I was like, 'no, probably not.'" Marilyn Hueper said Friday. "And they said, 'well, we're looking for Nancy Pelosi's laptop and we know you were in the building and you were in the room at the time.'"

The FBI isn't saying much about what they know about the search.

"I can confirm that, on April 28, the FBI was conducting court authorized law enforcement activity at the location you are referring to. At this time, and until it reaches the public realm, we can't discuss the details," Chloe Martin, Public Affairs Officer for the Alaska Field office of the FBI, told Alaska's News Source via email Friday.

The Huepers' name does not come up in a search of online court records for the U.S. District of Alaska.

The couple declined to provide a copy of the search warrant the FBI had, but said it permitted agents to search for items stolen from the Capitol.

Agents seized cell phones, laptops and a copy of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, the Huepers said.

"We never got within 100 yards of the main doors of the Capitol," Paul Hueper said.

Her arguments that she's not the person in the BOLD the FBI showed her are pretty convincing.



That said, she and her spouse claimed they were on the other side of the Mall on the day of the riot, even though they posted to Facebook from closer to the Capitol. I hope we learn how it's possible that they have two GeoFences from the Capitol but could make a mistake like this.

Meanwhile, discovery correspondence filed yesterday in the case of Long Island CPA Justin McAuliffe suggests he may know something about what happened to Jeff Merkley's laptop, which was also stolen during the riot.

Merkley did a video showing the damage done to his office after the insurrection, describing the laptop taken from his table and the broken hinges on the unlocked door.

The trail of destruction and looting. What happened today was an assault by the domestic terrorists who stormed the Capitol, but it was also an assault on our constitution.

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– Senator Jeff Merkley (@SenJeffMerkley)
January 7, 2021

And if you look closely in the arrest affidavit for McAuliffe, you can see the maps that appear in Merkley's video, as well as the flag left behind.



But the discovery correspondence yesterday included a picture of the stolen laptop and the broken door among other items.

Senator Jeffrey Merkley Hideaway Office.jpg
Stolen Laptop.jpg
Door Damage.jpg
Joint.jpg
McAuliffe Photos.msg
Fw Capitol Building - Justin McAuliffe.msg
McAuliffe .msg
FW_ Kevin McAuliffe.msg
Screenshot_20210107-133436.png
Screenshot_20210107-1334367.png
Screenshot_20210110-133920.png
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To be clear: McAuliffe has not been charged with theft or damage at all. He remains charged under his original complaint with just trespassing.

But rather than indicting him for any role in those crimes, the government continued his case until May 19, which either means he's planning on pleading or the government believes that he (like Riley June Williams, who is accused of stealing Pelosi's laptop) may know more about who took the laptop and what they did with it.

Or maybe the government is just waiting on DNA tests from that joint described in evidence picture, "joint.jpg," before charging this case?