

JOSHUA JAMES' FREQUENT JANUARY 6 UPDATES ON HIS JILTED VIPER

The other day, Kenneth Harrelson invented a premise to publish the 302s from Mike "Person 10" Simmons, the Oath Keepers' still-uncharged field commander for January 6.

In a response (technically a surreply), AUSA Kathryn Rakoczy made it clear the government believes Simmons was being dishonest. She provides several data points to demonstrate that, contrary to what he told the FBI, Simmons was well aware about the breach of the Capitol ... which raises questions why he hasn't been charged, yet.

Person Ten, as an uncharged individual who was aware that others have already been charged, had a motive to downplay or disregard both his own involvement and any preplanning efforts. And documentary evidence contradicts Person Ten's blanket denials. For instance, on October 8, 2021, the government disclosed a Signal chat thread named "Jan 5/6 DC Op Intel team," which included Person One, Person Ten, codefendant Joshua James, and about seven other individuals. On the Signal thread, shortly before 2:00 p.m. on January 6, a participant posted a video titled "live stream of patriots storming capital." Another participant asked, "Are they actually Patriots – not those who were going to go in disguise as Patriots and cause trouble[?]" Person Ten authoritatively answered, "[T]here [sic] patriots." Person One added, "Actual Patriots. Pissed off patriots[.] Like the Sons of Liberty were pissed off patriots[.]" Codefendant Joshua James

followed with, “Were coming to Capitol
ETA 30 MIN[.]”

The Sixth Superseding indictment alleges that at 2:14 p.m. on January 6, Person Ten informed the “DC OP: Jan 6 21” Signal chat that “The[y] have taken ground at the capital,” and, “We need to regroup any members who are not on mission[.]” ECF 513 ¶ 125. At 3:05 p.m.—twenty minutes after Defendant Harrelson and other codefendants breached the Capitol, and ten minutes before Defendant James and his second wave of coconspirators breached the same doors—Person Ten also messaged another individual, “Were [sic] storming the capital.”

Particularly given the confirmation that the government believes he was lying, I’d like to point to some redacted references to a VIP that Joshua James was guarding who was bitching that he wasn’t getting VIP treatment.

1049am - 11:41am: Phone calls with [REDACTED] and James. Person 10 : advised that most of these phone calls didn't go through, which is why there are so many of them, but recalled that James informed him that [REDACTED] was angry because he was not getting VIP treatment. [NFI]

This is likely Roger Stone. That’s true because – as Dan Friedman reported – James was “guarding” Stone that day (and Simmons guarded Stone the previous day), the name seems to fit, and Stone has publicly complained about his treatment that day.

While exchanging calls with Simmons, James traveled from the Willard Hotel, in downtown Washington—where he had been leading a security detail guarding Stone—to the Capitol.

What appears to be the first reference to this person also seems to fit the name, which would be the full name, Roger Stone, on first reference. Roberto Minuta, Jonathan Walden, and the now-cooperating Mark Grods were also

guarding Stone.

would not have arrived at their destination by 9:05am. Person 10 advised Stage 7 was located at First and M. PERSON ONE, Person 10 and ██████ parked their vehicle near the Jefferson Memorial and walked to Stage 7, arriving at approximately 10am. Person 10 advised he called ██████, as did ██████. ██████ was with ██████ near the Ellipse. ██████ did not know when or if ██████ met up with the Florida team. Person 10 advised James and three others were the ██████ protective detail.

Which brings us to the middle reference. Simmons claims that James called him every time his VIP moved.

10:06am: Phone call with James, which Person 10 advised was a voice mail message. Person 10 advised that every time ██████ moved, James called Person 10

Only, if that VIP was Roger Stone, *he didn't move*. By his own account he stayed at the Willard before taking his bruised ego and leaving town.

If that's right, it means Simmons was trying to explain multiple calls with James, and to do so, he offered the bullshit excuse that Stone, who by his own account never left the Willard, kept moving.

These calls are earlier than the ones that the indictments disclose. They would effectively serve to warn Roger Stone of this investigative interest.

But they also suggest that the Oath Keepers were keeping their operational lead closely informed of what some VIP – likely Roger Stone – was up to at the Willard that day.

Update: Way back in April – April!! – I argued that Person Ten – Simmons – played the role of a communication pivot that day, including at one point seemingly being on a 3-way call with Rhodes and Kelly Meggs.

Highlighted in yellow, Person Ten has a series of calls back and forth with Joshua James, pre-Golf Cart Grand Theft. Right in the middle of it all, someone – not described in this indictment – informs the Signal group as a whole that “the[y] have taken ground” and “we need to regroup any members who are not on

mission." Shortly thereafter, James and Minuta launch the Grand Theft Golf Cart to get to the Capitol, where Minuta taunts the police, preventing them from moving to reinforce the overrun Capitol on the other side, and the members of The Stack leave Trump's speech prematurely and go to the Capitol. That is, Person Ten calls for reinforcements (Rhodes repeats his Signal text), and then Minuta and James in the golf carts and The Stack converge on the northeast side of the Capitol to breach a new entry point.

Now consider the pink highlight: Unless the government or I have made a mistake in the timing, Person Ten and Kelly Meggs are both on the phone with Stewart Rhodes together. Because of the length of Person Ten's calls, it overlaps entirely with Rhodes' call with Meggs (which – again, unless there's an error of timing – means Rhodes either has two phones or either via conferencing or a hold, had both on the same phone at the same time).

In either case, Person Ten seems to have a key role as a communication pivot between different groups of Oath Keepers.

January 6				
11:21 AM	Rhodes to K Meggs	Telephony call	:51	S3
AM	James and Minuta	Telephony calls and texts		James
12:58 PM	Minuta to Rhodes	Telephony call	1:11	S3
1:02 PM	Rhodes to Minuta	Telephony call	:48	S3
1:38 PM	Rhodes to Leaders	Signal	All I see Trump doing is complaining. I see no intent by him to do anything. So the patriots are taking it into their own hands. They've had enough	Caldwell DM
1:59 PM	Person Ten to James	Telephony call	:30	S3
2:00 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	1:12	S3
2:01 PM	Person Ten to Rhodes	Telephony call	1:41	S3
2:03 PM	Person Ten to James	Telephony call	:39	S3
2:04 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	3:36	S3
2:06 PM	Caldwell to Watkins	Text	Pence has punked out	S3
2:07 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	:30	S3
2:10 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	:55	S3
2:13 PM	Person Ten to James	Telephony call	:43	S3
2:14 PM	Unknown to Leaders	Signal	The [sic] have taken ground at the capital. We need to regroup any members who are not on mission.	Caldwell DM
2:15 PM	Rhodes to K Meggs	Telephony call	:15	S3
2:16 PM	Person Ten to James	Telephony call	:42	S3
2:24 PM	K Meggs to Rhodes	Telephony call	:02	S3
2:30 PM	James and Minuta		Start Grand Theft Golf Cart	S3
2:31 PM	Person Ten to Rhodes	Telephony call	5:25	S3
2:32 PM	Rhodes and Meggs	Telephony call	1:37	S3
2:33 PM	Minuta and James		End Grand Theft Golf Cart	S3
2:33 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	:49	S3
2:33 PM			Minuta taunts police	S3
2:35 PM			Stack forms	
2:38 PM	Unknown to Leaders	Signal	GRF standing by at hotel. Just say the word ...	Watkins DM
2:40 PM			Stack enters Capitol	
	Rhodes to Leaders	Signal	Trump better do his damn duty	Watkins DM
	Unknown Leaders	Signal	SWAAT should stand down and abide by their oath	Watkins DM
	Unknown Leaders	Signal	Hopefully anyone inside the capitol is barricading themselves in and continually reinforce their positions for the long haul	Watkins DM
3:15 PM			Minuta enters building	
3:19 PM			Minuta enters building	
3:40 PM	James to Person Ten	Telephony call	3:04	S3
4:00 PM			Meeting with Rhodes on east side of Capitol	
4:04 PM	Minuta to Rhodes	Telephony call	:42	S3
4:05 PM	Rhodes to Minuta	Telephony call	2:56	S3
4:10 PM	Unknown Leaders	Signal	Fight the good fight. Stand your ground.	Watkins DM
5:50 PM	Rhodes to Leaders	Signal	Leaders check to be sure you have all your team members. If anyone is missing, post here.	Watkins DM
5:50 PM	Watkins to Leaders	Signal	We were in there. Flashbangs, teargassed us. We are taking our senior citizen members back to the hotel now	Watkins DM
7:41 PM	Rhodes to Leaders	Signal	Long Sons of Liberty text	Watkins DM

The calls that Harrelson – as a Floridian, someone with ties to Stone – revealed predated all these, to a period when Stone was at the Willard and everyone else was at the Ellipse.