

**SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION
UNITED STATES**

VS

TOPAKIAN, KAREN LESLIE

CCN #: 17013820

Arrest Number: 021702671

The event occurred on **01/25/2017** at approximately **02:48** at **MIDTOWN CENTER, 1100 15TH STREET NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20005**

The listed offenses occurred at 1100 15th St, NW, Washington D.C. which is located within the confines of the Second District, specifically PSA 207. Equipped MPD personnel had their Body Worn Cameras activated.

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at approximately 0559hrs, the Second District dispatcher assigned a radio run for a Disorderly male at 1155 15th St, NW, in reference to “a male climbing up a crane... protesting the election”. Multiple units responded to the location and upon arrival observed several subjects on the crane that were not authorized to be there. The subjects were later identified both verbally as well as by state driver’s license’s as (respectively) Karen Topakian, Zachary Riddle, Zakaria Karonemer, Joshua Ingram, Zeph Fishlyn, Brittany Robinson and Nancy Hernandez. From here on forth, all subjects will be known as Defendant Topakian, Defendant Riddle, Defendant Karonemer, Defendant Ingram, Defendant Fishlyn, Defendant Robinson and Defendant Hernandez.

The property of 1100 15th St, NW, is owned and managed by Carr Properties. The area itself is fenced off from public purview and the fence has multiple signs visible to the public stating, “No Trespassing”. These signs are posted on all sides of the property. Inside the fenced area are the grounds that Clark Construction Company had been contracted to work on. Because of this, Clark Construction Company had placed equipment belong to/ rented to them for the purposes of working on that specific location.

Investigation from witness accounts as well as video surveillance belonging to the construction site revealed that at approximately 0248hrs Defendant Topakian, Defendant Riddle, Defendant Karonemer, Defendant Ingram, Defendant Fishlyn, Defendant Robinson and Defendant Hernandez went to the location of 1100 15th St, NW, specifically the alley on the west side of the location. Once there, the listed defendants cut the lock and removed the chain on the construction site fence and entered onto the private property without consent. The above listed defendant’s then walked over to where the tower crane was secured at and began climbing it. All the defendants were equipped with climbing gear to include but not limited to: harnesses, carabiners, ropes, radios, earpieces, heavy clothing and footwear made for extreme exposure to cold, gloves, Leatherman (multi-tool), food supplies and personal evacuation receptacles (urine pans).

Defendant Kaonemer, Defendant Ingram, Defendant Fishlyn, Defendant Robinson and Defendant Hernandez climbed all the way to the top of the crane and moved out to the jib (the projecting arm of the crane) and hung a sign that stated, “Resist”. Defendant Topakian and Defendant Riddle climbed up the tower to the middle portion of the crane. From there, all of the listed defendant’s secured themselves to the crane with chains. When the workers arrived on location, the defendants advised that they would not move or unchain themselves and that they were “... protesting the election...” Because of Defendant Topakian and Defendant Riddle’s location and unwillingness to move, the operators cab was unable to travel up the tower, effectively blocking the passage of the operator, therein ceasing operations all over the site. At approximately 0559hrs, an on site employee called 911 and advised of the situation regarding the defendants. Daywork cruiser 2011, Officer Stephen Frick and Officer Domingo Juan responded to the location and after assessing the scene, immediately notified the 2D Watch Commander- Lt. Hill, JTTF- Sgt. Emmons, CIC- Fleming, SOD- Cr 8701 (ERT), Cruiser 1- Chief Newsham, Crime Scene Officer MPO Miller and the Second District Detective’s Unit.

While on the crane, the listed defendant’s engaged in live feeds on social media, advising that they belonged to the organization Greenpeace and broadcasted their message, stating... “I can see the White House, where we now have a president who doesn’t have the interests of the majority of the people. .. It was a little chilly this morning when we arrived at the crane site but it was a lot chillier in the Oval Office when President Trump decided to sign those

executive orders reinstating the Keystone pipeline, reinstating the North Dakota pipeline, taking women's right to choose away from them and we hear today he will be signing a landmark immigration law that will limit people of the Muslim faith from entering the country. We are out here with a message today that says- Resist".

MPD officers, DC Fire Department and SOD and ERT personnel were able to maintain open communication with the above listed defendants through communication with Greenpeace members on the ground. At approximately 2155hrs, of their own volition, all of the defendant's unsecured themselves and willingly climbed down from tower crane. Once on the ground, the listed defendants were placed under arrest and their property was seized. All of the defendants refused medical attention and denied any injuries or illnesses.

Due to situations beyond their control Clark Construction Company was unable to actively work on the construction site. Because of this, 150 construction workers were sent home without pay and total accrued damages to the company to include rental fees, employee pay and work stoppage was estimated at approximately \$500,000 dollars. Also, because unauthorized personnel utilized mechanical equipment, an inspector has to re-evaluate the site for violations and safety. Also due to the nature of the protest, the following lane closures impacted the District of Columbia from approximately 0600hrs to until at least 2230hrs- Vehicular traffic- westbound traffic from 1500 L St, NW, southbound lanes of the 1100 b/o 15th St, NW. Pedestrian/bicycle traffic- East/west bound of 1500 L St, NW, north and south bound 1100 b/o 15th St, NW.

Defendant Topakian and Defendant Riddle were placed under arrest for Burglary II, Destruction of Property (m), Possessions of Implements of Crime and Blocking Passage. Defendant Karonemer, Defendant Ingram, Defendant Fishlyn, Defendant Robinson and Defendant Hernandez were placed under arrest for Burglary II, Destruction of Property (m), Possessions of Implements of Crime. All defendants were transported to the Second District for processing and interview. All defendant's invoked their Miranda Rights- see PD 47 and videos.

Crime scene photographs taken on scene- see MCL number 2017-00393.

C.O.C. all defendant's clothing and gear was seized, and handled by MPO Morris- 4D property book number 2054, page 245. Ofc. Maslona and Ofc. Downs- 2D property book 2432, page 141.

Full list of MPD and DCFD personnel are listed in the writer's notes.

The event and acts described above occurred primarily in the District of Columbia and were committed as described by defendant(s) listed in the case caption.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 01/26/2017

WISHNICK, MIRIAM / 4536 / 8726 (01/26/2017) E-SIGNATURE

Police Officer / Badge# / CAD#

CUSICK, KELVIN / 2816 (01/26/2017) E-SIGNATURE

Unit

Witness / Deputy Clerk

WISHNICK, MIRIAM / 4536 / 8726

Printed Name of Member / Badge# / CAD#

CUSICK, KELVIN / 2816

Printed Name of Witness / Deputy Clerk

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