

FBI charges an alleged Capitol rioter in preplanned attack not motivated by Trump speech

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Court documents filed today describe an alleged Capitol rioter who used social media to document her trip and storm the Capitol in Washington D.C. last week.

According to the FBI, realtor Jenna Ryan used Facebook and YouTube (but not Parler) to publicize her journey. She also allegedly posed in front of a broken window at the Capitol.

Ryan's social media communications indicate the storming of the Capitol was not a spontaneous act motivated by President Trump's speech, as Trump's opponents have insisted. Instead, the storming was allegedly preplanned.

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Subsequently, on January 6, 2021, RYAN posted a 21-minute Facebook Live video on her Facebook account, of her and a group walking towards the U.S. Capitol building. RYAN posted photographs of herself at the U.S. Capitol building grounds to her social media accounts, including Facebook and Twitter. Of particular note is an image RYAN posted of herself to her Twitter account, which depicts RYAN in front of a broken window at the U.S. Capitol building, with the caption "Window at The capital [sic]. And if the news doesn't stop lying about us we're going to come after their studios next..."