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Spotted at the U.S. Capitol insurrection with his mother and hopping around the Senate while holding tactical restraints, so-called “zip tie guy” Eric Gavelek Munchel's bail hearing is about to begin.

Live-tweet ahead, for @LawCrimeNews.

A preview for today's detention proceedings is linked at the top of the thread.

Please read it for background for what's up ahead.

A 5-year-veteran FBI special agent is testifying now.

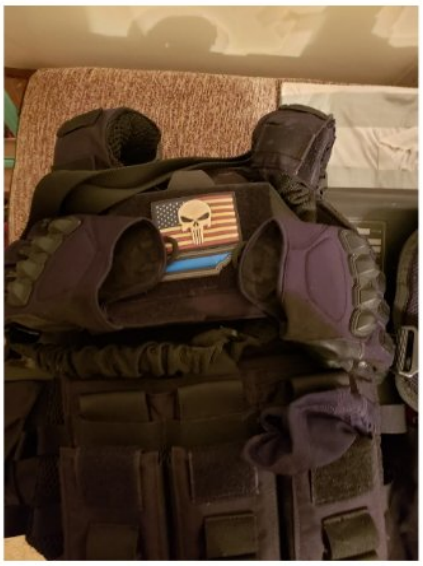
The FBI agent says that he participated in the surveillance and search of Munchel's house in Nashville.

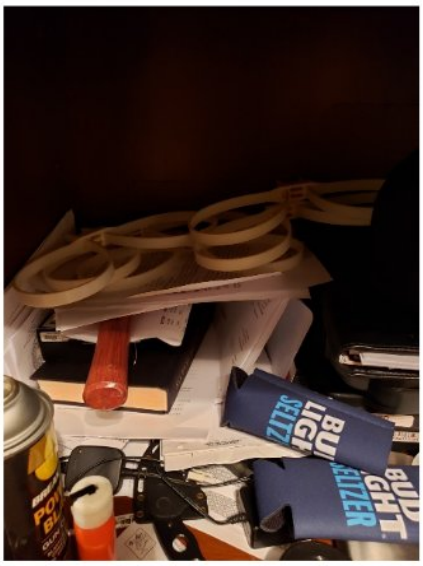
Court papers show what authorities said they found.

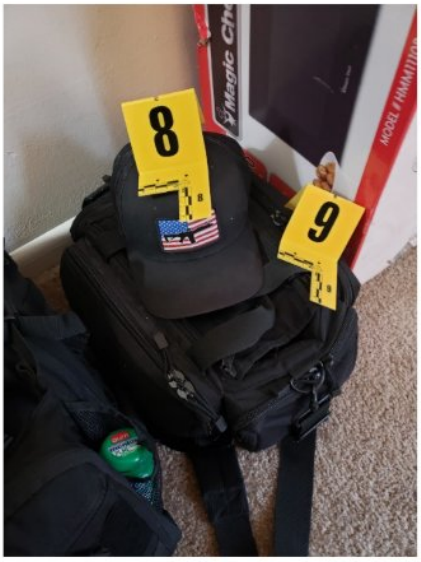
Left: Tactical vest with a “Punisher” comic book and Tennessee “thin blue line” patches.

Center: Five pairs of white plastic handcuffs.

Right: A baseball cap depicting a rifle and a flag







The FBI agent describes the restraints as ones "typically used by law enforcement officers to detain individuals."

The FBI agent is now describing the weapons found in Munchel's house, including a drum-style magazine.



Service advisory:

The agent is barely audible over the line. The general contours of his testimony are clear, but exact quotes may be difficult to hear.

I did not catch his name.

(Inchoate screaming on the public phone line.)

The FBI agent's testimony continues even as that inchoate screaming continues in the background, making it inaudible.

Reaching out to court personnel to see if that line can be muted.

The court resolved the conference line issue, where those listening in are now (thankfully) muted.

The FBI agent is being cross-examined by Munchel's federal defender Caryll S. Alpert.

Alpert reviews the video footage of Munchel and his mother, Lisa Eisenhart.

Q: "At some point, he says he's not going to go into the Capitol with weapons."
A: That's correct.

Alpert says they stashed the weapons in a backpack.

She says Mr. Munchel's mother mingled with the Oathkeeper member first.

The agent says he does not recall which order.

Alpert: When they walk into the Capitol, they walk in through an open door, yes?

The FBI agent agrees.

Alpert asks the number of agents assigned to the Capitol riots case.

He doesn't know.