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New from me: Prosecutors have charged an alleged Colorado militia member, Robert Gieswein, which The Daily Beast has been tracking since he appeared in photos of the riot at the Capitol.

The FBI says Gieswein "appears to be affiliated with the radical militia group known as the Three Percenters." Working with @jsrailton, we found similar evidence. Here's a picture of Gieswein from his now-deleted Facebook page posing in front of CO Rep Lauren Boebert's bar

Gieswein, kneeling with the rifle. is flashing the Three Percenter hand signs in front of Beobert's bar in this picture from November 2019.

One of the ways we were able to identify Gieswein was from the distinctive "Woodland Wild Dogs" patch he wore on his chest. If you check website registrations, you can find that Gieswein registered websites for the group as well as "Rocky Mountain Oathkeepers"

And to tie it in further, Gieswein also put the Woodland Wild Dogs logo on his FB page.

There was also an Instagram account (again, now deleted) in the name of the "Woodland Wild Dogs" that appeared to show Gieswein and associated camping, shooting, and doing tactical exercises

Gieswein was easily trackable at the Capitol thanks to a series of distinctive patches other than the Woodland Wild Dogs one.

You can see him kneeling and looking injured on the night of Jan 5 after involvement in an apparent scuffle in this picture taken by Shannon Stapleton of Reuters https://t.co/A3mpLrdOfz https://t.co/OaeCJ9h1Z3

This photo by @Jacquelyn_M of AP was incredibly helpful in identifying him via his patch https://t.co/Qk7AOmEyLI

You can see him throughout the assault at the capitol wielding a baseball bat in this photo by Amy Harris https://t.co/4Nth0pMALk

In this photo by @kentnish, his helmet is visible at rioters shove a barrier into Capitol police

And as the FBI affidavit notes, his helmet is once again visible at Dominic "Spazzo" Pezzola allegedly smashes through a Capitol window with a police shield

He also joins the other rioters for that infamous confrontation with police inside the Capitol. Standing here again next to "Spazzo"

Gieswein appeared to be active in local gun rights protests in Woodland Park prior to the riot. He posted about at least one on his deleted Facebook page.

He's also quoted in this story about doing an open carry counter-protest when local students staged a "march for our lives" protest in the wake of the Sandy Hook shootings. https://t.co/m6hoyZnBTQ

Quick typo correct: November 2018*. Small gadget, big slippery thumbs https://t.co/jApmrJKOGT

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> — Adam Rawnsley (@arawnsley) January 18, 2021

This is your daily dose of bizarre https://t.co/W4eUrIElHn

> This procedurally-generated video from the Facebook of Robert Gieswein, a Colorado 3% militia member who stormed the Capitol, is accidentally the most damning evidence you'll ever see that Facebook shouldn't exist. https://t.co/VqYzszT5Tv pic.twitter.com/BvDBh3LlAp
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> — Aric Toler (@AricToler) January 18, 2021