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Former Capitol Police Chief: Intel Said Antifa Would Be at January 6 Trump Rally

Senate testimony from the former chief of the Capitol Hill police appears to confirm reports that leftist Antifa terrorists helped incite violence at the U.S. Capitol on January 6.

Those reports included a first-person account that GOP Senator Ron Johnson of Wisconsin read at yesterday's hearing where former Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund testified, an account the pro-Antifa media immediately denounced as a "conspiracy theory."

Sund, [who quit](#) his job as police chief the day after the melee, told a joint hearing of the Rules and Homeland Security committees that "we knew" Antifa goons would be there. Sund cited intelligence reports from federal agencies.

But Sund also said Capitol Hill cops didn't expect the explosion of violence at the mostly peaceful protest.

Intel Fingered Antifa

Sund was unequivocal in explaining what the intelligence showed.

"The assessment indicated that members of the Proud Boys, white supremacist groups, Antifa, and other extremist groups were expected to participate in the January 6th event and that they may be inclined to become violent," Sund told the senators.

Former U.S. Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund on January 6th U.S. Capitol Attack: "A clear lack of accurate and complete intelligence across several federal agencies contributed to this event, and not poor planning by the United States Capitol Police,"

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— CSPAN (@cspan) [February 23, 2021](#)

Answering a question from California Democrat Alex Padilla, Sund repeated the Antifa claim:

We proceeded with the posture that the scene could have incidents of violence. We knew it would be focused on the Capitol. We knew there was going to be members of Proud Boys, Antifa participating. And like I said before, not Capitol Police, not Metropolitan Police, not any of our federal agencies had any indication we were going to be facing an armed insurrection of thousands of people.



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Further proof that Antifa and Black Lives Matter were likely involved in the violence was the arrest of John Sullivan, who is linked to both groups, as [BizPac Review noted](#) in its account of Sund's remarks. Police arrested him inside the Capitol that day, and CNN and NBC paid the leftist \$35,000 for his video of the events. [Sullivan ludicrously claims](#) the video — which includes the fatal shooting of unarmed MAGA protester Ashli Babbitt by a Capitol Hill cop — proves he was “acting as journalist.”

Attendees at previous MAGA rallies never attempted to storm the Capitol or other buildings, Sund testified. “And based upon all available intelligence, nothing of that sort was expected to happen on January 6,” he said.

In a letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi after the violence, [Sund reported](#) that some in the crowd “were wearing radio earpieces indicating a high level of coordination.” They also had “weapons, chemical munitions, protective equipment, explosives and climbing gear.”

Antifa terrorists [who have rioted](#) and attacked police in cities across the country, particularly Portland, [wear similar gear](#) and carry similar weapons, as *The New American* [has reported](#).

Johnson's Remarks

During his time questioning Sund, Wisconsin's Johnson read from J. Michael Waller's first-person account of the events on January 6.

A senior analyst for the Center for Security Policy, [Waller wrote](#) that “the deadly riot at the US Capitol bore the markings of an organized operation planned well in advance of the January 6 joint session of Congress.”

“Fake Trump supporters” had obviously infiltrated the crowd, Waller reported.

Waller also described “plainclothes militants,” “agents provocateur,” and a “disciplined, uniformed column of attackers.”

“All of these cells or groups stood out from the very large crowd by their behavior and overall demeanor,” [he wrote](#):

However, they did not all appear at the same time. Not until the very end did it become apparent there was a prearranged plan to storm the Capitol building, and to manipulate the unsuspecting crowd as cover and as a follow-on force.

The [leftist media immediately accused](#) Johnson of pushing a “conspiracy theory,” the go-to label they use to discredit anything that runs against their hate-Trump narrative.

Example: CNN's *Outfront* hostess Erin Burnett.

“Deny, deflect, and lie,” she said of Johnson's rendition of Waller's piece.

Johnson, she said, was helping “whitewash” President Trump's role in the violence, and “proved there is no conspiracy theory he won't peddle to defend Trump.”

Johnson pushed a “deranged theory from an alleged witness,” she huffed.

“This is not true. It's a lie,” the CNN talker declared after video of Johnson's reading Waller's account. “The riot was led by Trump supporters. Supporters who were repeating Trump's call to action through the hall of the Capitol.”



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Burnett then showed deceptively edited video of Trump's talk that day, which falsely suggested the protesters who stormed the Capitol acted on his orders.

Burnett ignored Sund's testimony.



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