



# J6 JUDGE QUOTES

## JUDGE TANYA CHUTKAN

Clearly agitated that Russell Alford, an Alabama man charged with the four most common misdemeanors in January 6 cases, chose to go to trial instead of accept the government's plea offer, Chutkan scolded Alford for his 11-minute peaceful jaunt through the Capitol. "You may have not been breaking any glass, but make no mistake, that wouldn't have been a mob without you," Chutkan told Alford, convicted on all four counts last October after the jury spent only a few hours considering his fate. "You helped terrorize the real Patriots trying to fulfill their duty."

While acknowledging Alford has no criminal record, Chutkan explained her ruling must act as "general deterrence" to warn others that the punishment for future insurrections will be "certain, swift, and serious."

## JUDGE ROYCE LAMBERTH

Lamberth--who is barely audible, needs help getting out of his chair, uses a walker--reiterated his belief Johnatakis would be found guilty by a jury and go to prison. He said, "When they find you guilty, you are going to jail."

## JUDGE THOMAS HOGAN

Judge Thomas Hogan sentenced Jessica and Joshua Bustle, a couple charged with misdemeanor offenses for entering the Capitol, to home confinement and probation, in part because they are expecting the birth of a child soon.

Hogan, too, echoed that sentiment, telling the Bustles, "I think the presumption should be that these offenses were an attack on our democracy and that jail time is usually — should be expected."

## JUDGE BERYL HOWELL

Inflammatory statements are coming directly from our entrusted guardians, like Chief Judge Beryl Howell who stated from her seat on the bench that "everyone participating in the mob contributed to [the January 6] violence," and that those who breached the barriers "are not trespassers, they are criminals."

## JUDGE CARL NICHOLS

I ("As other judges on this court have recognized, democracy requires the cooperation of the citizenry. Protesting in the Capitol, in a manner that delays the certification of the election, throws our entire system of government into disarray, and it undermines the stability of our society. Future would-be rioters must be deterred.") (statement of Judge Nichols at sentencing)"