

looted merchandise from within the businesses. BETTS participated in the rioting and looting by taking clothing from a vandalized business located at Market Place Mall.

3. As the riot began, BETTS further incited, promoted, and encouraged the riot by posting a video on Facebook Live stating, "Look what a n[***]a just started...look what a n[***]a just started. We out here...we out here...we out here...we out here. All ya'll talking that s[**]t under my post...we out here. F[**]k that I needs that...we out here. "

4. During the riot, BETTS, walked from the direction of the mall carrying clothing he had looted, approached an individual who was recording the event on a telephone, and stated, "I started this s[**]t."

5. The assemblage continued to riot, vandalize, and loot businesses located in the Champaign-Urbana area throughout May 31, 2020, and into the early morning hours of June 1, 2020. As a result of the riot, approximately 50 businesses in the Champaign-Urbana area were vandalized, looted, or both.

6. On or about May 30, through June 1, 2020, in Champaign County, in the Central District of Illinois,

SHAMAR BETTS,

defendant herein, used a facility of interstate commerce, namely, a telephone and the internet, with intent (1) to incite a riot; (2) to organize, promote, encourage, participate in, and carry on a riot; (3) to commit an act of violence in furtherance of a riot; and (4) to aid and abet any person in inciting and participating in and carrying on a riot and committing any act of violence in furtherance of a riot, and during the course of such use, and thereafter, performed and attempted to perform any other overt act, including,


but not limited to, travelling to Market Place Mall and looting from a business, for any purpose specified in (1), (2), (3), and (4) of this paragraph.

A TRUE BILL.

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