



FBI Whistleblower Raises Questions About Pipe Bombs Set Near DNC, RNC Headquarters: Lawmaker

Description

USA: Rep. [Jim Jordan](#) (R-Ohio) says that he has requested a briefing with the [FBI](#) after a whistleblower allegedly disclosed information regarding the bureau's investigation into pipe bombs planted near the Democratic National Committee and Republican National Committee headquarters in Washington on the night before the Jan. 6, 2021, breach of the U.S. Capitol.

Jordan, the ranking Republican member of the House Judiciary Committee, sent a [letter](#) to FBI Director Christopher Wray on March 9 after a senior FBI special agent came forward with information regarding an “unusual” request from the FBI’s Washington Field Office.

“According to the special agent, on February 7, 2022—over a year after the placement of the bombs—the FBI’s Washington Field Office asked FBI field offices to canvass all confidential human sources nationwide for information about the individual and the crime,” Jordan wrote in the letter. “In part, the message asked that the canvass ‘include sources reporting on all [types of] threats’ because the suspect’s ‘motive and ideology remain unknown.’”

Jordan said the special agent had described the request as “unusual” because it “was transmitted more than a year after the FBI had begun the investigation, and it raises questions about the progress and extent of the FBI’s investigation.”

The FBI began investigating the incident after an unknown individual dressed in a hooded sweatshirt, gloves, and a mask placed two pipe bombs in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington on Jan. 5, 2021.



An unknown individual placed two pipe bombs in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Washington on Jan. 5, 2021. (FBI)

Both the FBI and other law enforcement entities say one bomb was placed in an alley behind the Republican National Committee ([RNC](#)) headquarters, located at 310 First Street Southeast. The other was left near the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), located at 430 South Capitol Street Southeast #3.

Some of the [components in the bombs](#) included one- by eight-inch threaded galvanized pipes, a kitchen timer, and homemade black powder, according to officials. While both of the bomb threats were neutralized by authorities, the devices triggered the evacuation of the U.S. Capitol and nearby buildings when they were found on the afternoon of Jan. 6, 2021, officials [said](#).

In his letter to Wray, Jordan said that in addition to the disclosure from the whistleblower, the House Judiciary Committee had learned that the FBI had failed to “sufficiently answer questions” posed by Rep. Bill Posey (R-Fla.) in September 2021.

Those questions regarded the status of the FBI’s investigation. Posey also requested a briefing on the matter, and he cited concerns for his office’s safety, as well as the safety of “the residences of many Members of Congress and for the public at large.”

“The FBI, however, has not fully responded to Rep. Posey’s request, explaining that it was exclusively providing information to the partisan Democrat-led Select Committee investigating the events of January 6, 2021,” the letter reads.

Jordan said the FBI’s decision to provide information on a partisan basis “further erodes public confidence in the FBI’s senior leadership.” He requested that the FBI briefing take place “as soon as possible,” but no later than March 23.

The FBI declined to comment when contacted by The Epoch Times.

The FBI has offered members of the public a reward of \$100,000 if information they provide leads to the identification of the person responsible for planting the bombs.

“Identifying the perpetrator of this attempted attack remains a priority for the FBI’s Washington Field Office and our partners at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Capitol Police; and D.C. Metropolitan Police Department,” the bureau said in a September 2021 statement.

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