

Prosecutors say attacker wanted to break Nancy Pelosi's kneecaps

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Investigators say 42-year-old David DePape told them he planned to take Speaker Pelosi hostage, and intended to break her kneecaps in order to see her "wheeled into Congress" unless she told the truth

about what he called “lies told by the Democratic Party.”

DePape faces up to 30 years in prison on a federal assault charge and up to 20 additional years for attempted kidnapping. He also faces a slew of state charges, including attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins told reporters: “What we also have learned is that the defendant brought to the location of the Pelosi residence a second hammer, as well as zip ties, rope and a roll of tape. What is clear, based on the evidence that we have thus far, is that this house and the Speaker herself were specifically targets of the defendant.”

Paul Pelosi remains in intensive care in San Francisco, after surgeons repaired his fractured skull and serious injuries to his hands and right arm.

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