
GLASTONBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: MEDIA

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SUBJECT: PRESS RELEASE: JUVENILE ARREST

DATE: JULY 22, 2024



On June 11, 2024, the Glastonbury Police Department (GPD) received information from Youth and Family Services (YFS) regarding a concerning profile page discovered on Discord, a social media site. A Glastonbury student reported the profile page to YFS. The profile page included references to the KKK, Hitler, death threats towards African Americans, and a bomb threat to Glastonbury High School.

Glastonbury Police take these incidents very seriously and acted swiftly to ensure the safety and security of the victims and all Glastonbury students and staff. GPD immediately began an investigation to identify the Discord account holder. This included the issuance of several federal subpoenas for IP addresses, phone records, and Discord data. GPD also collaborated with Glastonbury School administrative and security staff throughout the investigation.

GPD quickly learned that the Discord account holder in question was, in fact, a juvenile *victim*, not the suspect. GPD's investigation determined that another 16-year-old juvenile had illegally accessed the victim's Discord account and altered the profile page to include the aforementioned threats.

As the investigation progressed, investigators learned that in addition to the profile page threats, the suspect had also sent direct messages from the victim's Discord account to others with additional death threats naming specific African American Glastonbury High School students.

Once investigators identified the suspect, they quickly determined that the suspect had no access to guns or explosives, and that the threats were intended to target the Discord account holder (juvenile victim). GPD staff contacted parents of all victims mentioned in the posts, advising them of the threats and of the ongoing investigation.

GPD was granted an arrest warrant on July 22 charging the suspect with the following crimes:

- Intimidation based on bias or bigotry, 2nd degree
- Threatening, 1st degree
- Computer crime
- Criminal impersonation
- Breach of Peace, 2nd degree
- Harassment, 2nd degree
- Falsely reporting an incident, 1st degree

GPD served the warrant on July 22, 2024, and the suspect was turned over to juvenile court authorities in Hartford.

GPD continues to work closely with Glastonbury school administration and security to ensure the safety and security of all students. We remain committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all members of our community.