

INFORMATION

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT

Disposition date

Police Case number
23-00016793

Agency name
Guilford Police Department Ofc. Nesci #2

Agency number
060

Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused)

Maisano, William

Residence (Town) of accused

Guilford

Docket number

Address

60 Jefferson Drive

Date of birth

04/01/1962

The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the State of Connecticut charges that:

To be held at (Town)

New Haven

Geographical area number
23

Court date

Count One — Did commit the offense of:

Breach of Peace in the Second Degree

Continued to

Purpose

Reason

At (Town)

Guilford

On or about (Date)

June 16, 2023

In violation of General Statute number

53a-181

Count Two — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)

On or about (Date)

In violation of General Statute number

Count Three — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town)

On or about (Date)

In violation of General Statute number

See other sheet for additional counts

Date

6/30/23

Signed (Prosecuting Authority)

Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea

Bond

Surety

10 %

Election

(Date)

(Judge)

(Date)

Cash

CT

JY

Attorney

Public defender

Guardian

Bond change

Seized property inventory number

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
1						\$	\$	
2						\$	\$	
3						\$	\$	

Date	Other Court Action	Judge

Receipt number: _____ Cost: IMP NCI

Bond information: Bond forfeited Forfeiture vacated Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated

Application fee - receipt number if paid: _____ Circle one: W I Q

Program fee - receipt number if paid: _____ Circle one: W I Q

Probation fee - receipt number if paid: _____ Circle one: W I Q

Prosecutor on original disposition: _____ Reporter/monitor on original disposition: _____ Signed (Clerk): _____ Signed (Judge): _____

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Police Case number 23-00016793	Agency name Guilford Police Department	Agency number 060
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Maisano, William	Residence (Town) of accused Guilford	Court to be held at (Town) New Haven
		Geographical Area number 23

Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: Affidavit Below. Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 6/30/23	Signed (Prosecuting authority) 	Type/print name of prosecuting authority GAM
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Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. The Affiant, Officer Salvatore Nesci, is a member of the Guilford Police Department and at all times mentioned herein, was acting as a member of said Department. I have been a Guilford police officer for approximately 2.3 years and previously served with the Meriden Police Department for 25 years collectively in an auxiliary and full-time capacity. The Affiant has been trained in and is familiar with C.G.S. 53a-181, Breach of Peace in the Second Degree [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge and observations, as well as information received from other officers.

2.) On Sunday, June 18, 2023, at about 1322 hours, Regina Sullivan, DOB (09/14/1976) came to the Guilford Police Department to report a threatening e-mail.

3.) While speaking with Sullivan, I learned that she is a life-long resident of Guilford and has been employed by the Guilford Public School for approximately 23 years. She is currently the Physical Education and Health Department Chair, Coach of the Girls Varsity Soccer Team, and is also President of the Teachers Union. Moreover, Sullivan identifies as a Lesbian Female who acts as the school advisor to the Gender and Sexualities Alliance Club. According to the GSA Networking web site, "Genders & Sexualities Alliances, or GSA for short, are student-run organizations that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues impacting them in their schools and communities. GSA have evolved beyond their traditional role to serve as safe spaces for LGBTQ+ youth in middle schools and high schools, and have emerged as vehicles for deep social change related to racial, gender, and educational justice".

4.) According to Sullivan, on Friday, June 16, 2023, the scheduled date of the Guilford High School graduation, she was alerted by her Principal, Julia Chaffe about a disturbing and concerning e-mail that was received at 12:34PM. The e-mail was sent by a retired Police Officer with a school related assignment, William Maisano, DOB (04/01/1962). The e-mail that Chaffe received read:

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Date 06/21/2023	Signed (Affiant) PO Salvatore J. Nesci # 02
Jurat 6/21/23	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) Sgt. [Signature]

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature New Haven	Signed at (City or Town) New Haven	On (Date) 7/6/23	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) 	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee [Signature]
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5.) "Julia,

I am told that Regina Sullivan has seen fit to dye her hair in Pride colors for graduation. I didn't say a word last year. I'm telling you right now, if I see her dragging her personal politics and sexual preferences into this event there is going to be hell to pay. As a teacher, by law, she will be crossing the line, and so will the school by not shutting this down.

Bill Maisano"

6.) Concerned by the e-mail's tone and content, specifically, "there is going to be hell to pay", Principal Chaffe contacted police. As a result, Sgt. Martina Jakober #68 was assigned the investigation, GPD CN#23-16598.

7.) Upon making contact with Maisano, Jakober asked him about the e-mail and if he intended to harm anyone. Maisano advised Jakober that he was not interested in hurting anyone and that he would never do that. He further advised that he was upset that the political statement was going to detract from the hard work of all the graduating seniors. Maisano stated that he was not going to the graduation and would not disrupt the event. Jakober advised Maisano that language in e-mails, letters and text messages is open to personal interpretation. Jakober further emphasized that with the increasing number of threats being made against public events, it was important to clarify what he meant.

8.) Shortly there after, Maisano sent a second e-mail to Principal Chaffe which read:

9.) "Julia,

My phrasing was meant as a statement that if she were allowed to make graduation about herself, then I would respond. Not with violence but with media exposure. A faculty member is being allowed to hijack what should be a day just for students. The fact that Regina can't put aside her politics and sexual preferences for an afternoon should be concerning. No other teacher would behave this way. That was my only point and I am disappointed that you couldn't recognize that. Unless one of my kids is graduating I don't even go. For the record, the only violence in Guilford has been committed against people like me and my family. But I think you knew that.

Bill"

10.) According to Sullivan, she feels as if she is being targeted and bullied by Maisano. Sullivan further stated that for the first time in 46 years as a resident, and 23 years as an educator, she feels unsafe,

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Date <i>06/21/2023</i>	Signed (Affiant) <i>PO Salvatore J. Neri # 02</i>
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) <i>6/21/23</i>	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>Sgt. Neri # 68</i>
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>6/30/23</i>
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <i>7/6/23</i>

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unwanted, intimidated, and threatened because of her sexuality.

11.) Sullivan stated that this has not been her first negative interaction with Maisano and that over the past few years he has vehemently and vocally opposed LGBTQ+ curriculum, instruction, visual aids, and lifestyle. According to the Gaycenter.org, "LGBTQIA+ is an abbreviation for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and more. These terms are used to describe a person's sexual orientation or gender identity".

12.) Sullivan recounted an incident that occurred about two years ago at a local Dunkin Donuts when Maisano was running for an elected Board of Education position. On that date, Maisano made eye contact with Sullivan when she entered the building. Maisano then pointed at Sullivan and stated, "Wait until she leaves". Sullivan stated that she was confused and embarrassed as she had never had a negative interaction with him prior to this incident. Sullivan stated that Maisano then stated, "That's George Sullivan's sister". Sullivan stated that her brother George is a well known business owner within the community and at the time, his wife Amy was on the Board of Education. Sullivan stated that Maisano was actually running against her sister-in-law.

13.) More recently, On April 25, 2023, Sullivan attended a teacher meeting as a union representative. Sullivan stated that a parent had filed a complaint with the Principal regarding a book that she had assigned to her students. The parent was not pleased with the books content and requested a meeting with the Principal and the teacher. The parent also invited Maisano to attend the meeting. At the teacher's request, Sullivan attended the meeting. At the meeting, Sullivan stated that Maisano was sarcastic and dismissive of her and objected to her presence stating that it was not a union matter. After a contentious discussion, it was decided that the meeting would continue as scheduled.

14.) In addition to this, Sullivan stated that within the last few weeks, Maisano has filed a Freedom of Information Request for any and all information regarding the fundraising activities of the Gender and Sexualities Alliance Club for PRIDE Month. PRIDE Month is an entire month dedicated to the uplifting of LGBTQ voices, celebration of LGBTQ culture and the support of LGBTQ rights.

15.) It should be noted that Sullivan did display the PRIDE colors in her hair at graduation. The colors were displayed on the left side of her head in a one inch by six inch pattern.

16.) The threatening undertone and strong language in Maisano's e-mail, "There is going to be hell to pay" on the date of the graduation was ominous. As a retired police officer, Maisano should have known that his word choice would cause inconvenience, annoyance, alarm, and panic. Furthermore, violence and threats against members of the LGBTQ+ community and public institutions like schools appears to be on the rise.

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Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 6/21/23	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>Sgt. [Signature]</i>
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 6/30/23
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 7/6/23

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17.) Wherefore the undersigned believes probable cause exists that William Maisano of 60 Jefferson Drive, Guilford, Connecticut did commit the crime of Breach of Peace in the Second Degree [REDACTED] violation of Connecticut General Statutes 53a-181 [REDACTED]. The undersigned respectfully requests that a warrant for his arrest be so issued.

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Date 06/21/2023	Signed (Affiant) <i>PO Salvatore J. Keri</i> # 02
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 6/21/23	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>Sgt. [Signature]</i> # 66
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 6/30/23
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 7/6/23