

Yonkers Man Arrested for Attempted Murder in Road Rage Incident on NYS Thruway



On September 13, 2026, members of State Police Troop T, SP Tarrytown and Troop K Bureau of Criminal Investigation arrested Elmy Manuel Sandoval-Firpo, 28, of Yonkers, on multiple felony charges stemming from a road rage incident that resulted in gunfire on the New York State Thruway (I-87) in the city of Yonkers.

Investigation revealed that the incident began shortly before 4:30 p.m. on September 13 when Sandoval-Firpo, operating a 2009 Ford van, cut off the victim, a 25-year-old male from the Bronx in a 2010 Subaru Impreza, to turn into a gas station on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. A verbal altercation between the two ensued in the parking lot, with Sandoval-Firpo smashing the rear

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St. John's Riverside ED Director Talks ER Expansion to Better Serve Patients



Dr. Paul Sasso, left

By Dan Murphy

As Westchester County continues to grow, with an increase of 6,578 new residents just last year, the area's medical needs have also increased. Dr. Paul Sasso, Director of the Emergency Department and AVP of Clinical Operations at St. John's Riverside Hospital, says the hospital has responded by expanding its emergency department's capabilities.

"A major difference that we will see immediately is space," says Dr. Sasso. "The emergency department we're currently working in was built to take care of about 25,000 patients

annually. Right now we have 27 beds that we use for close to 40,000 patients a year. So that's a big difference! Our new emergency department will add 28 beds. We're going to go from a 27-bed capacity to over a 55-bed capacity. That is just incredibly exciting."

He adds that the changes are focused on improving efficiency and patient care.

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Port Chester and not Yonkers, Center of ICE Activity in Westchester



This story originally appeared in New York Focus, a nonprofit news publication investigating power in New York. Sign up for their newsletter at <https://nysfocus.com/newsletter>

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By Isabelle Taft and Benjy Sachs, New York Focus

Port Chester residents wanted answers about a spate of recent ICE arrests in the heavily immigrant Westchester village. At a town hall in April, some 50 attendees confronted the local police chief about his officers' communication with the federal agency.

"Believe me when I tell you," Police Chief Christopher Rosabella said, according to the Journal News, "cooperating with ICE or allocating manpower for them is not even on the radar."

Gorton High School Dedicates 9/11 Memorial for First Responders



Yonkers Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick, with two Gorton HS students and members of the student council

Last week, the Gorton High School Student Council came together at the 25th Anniversary 9/11 Memorial Ceremony to honor the first responders whose courage and dedication continued in the days, weeks, and months fol-

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How Yonkers Comic Con Went from 30 to 5,000



Yonkers Comic Con which will be held on Saturday September 26 at the Riverfront Library, has quickly turned into a must go for Comic lovers all over Westchester and the tri-state region.

In a YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/>) Founders Evan Bishop and Walker Katori talk about how the event has grown in just 5 years from 30 visitors to 5000.

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To My Republican Friends and Colleagues: Offer a Real Solution to the Healthcare Crisis

By Frank Spotorno

To My Fellow Republicans and Colleagues,

Before serious illness forced me to step down from the New York State Republican Party State Committee in 2019, I spent years sitting in rooms with many of you, arguing for the heart and future of our party.

As a lifelong Republican, a former union carpenter, a small business owner, and a champion for bringing American manufacturing jobs back home, I have always believed our party should be the ultimate home for working-class families. But during my time on the Committee, there was one

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Frank Spotorno

COACH Opens at Cross County Center



Cross County Center welcomes COACH, its newest retailer to open at the iconic outdoor shopping center in Westchester. The global fashion house, known for its handbags, leather goods, accessories and ready-to-wear collections, opened a new 3400 sq. ft-square-foot store between Savage X Fenty and Garage this past weekend.

Founded in New York in 1941, COACH is a global fashion house recognized for its craftsmanship and New York heritage. The new Cross County Center store will offer a selection of the brand’s signature handbags and leather goods, along with footwear, accessories, ready-to-wear and gifts.

COACH joins Cross County Center as the property continues to expand and enhance its retail offerings. The opening comes amid the Center’s ongoing redevelopment, which includes two new retail buildings totaling approximately 58,000 square feet, underground parking and a new four-acre public green space. The redevelopment is expected to be completed in fall 2027, with stores remaining open throughout construction.

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Yonkers GOP Leadership Moves to Eliminate Women from Official Bylaws After 86 Years



Debbie Kozak

By Debbie Kozak

Women have held guaranteed leadership roles in the Yonkers Republican Party since its founding in 1940. Now an official meeting has been called to amend the bylaws and eliminate women from those positions entirely.

‘What the hell are they doing?’ asks Debbie Kozak, President of the John P. O’Leary NW Yonkers Republican Club and former 2023 Republican Candidate for Westchester County Legislator in District 16. “I wonder if they even know.”

In a letter dated Sept. 4, 2026 ‘to all members of the Yonkers Republican City Committee’, GOP Chairman Robert Moffitt has called for a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 to review proposed amended by-laws.

“For more than 86 years, women’s participation has been welcomed by Yonkers Republican party’s leadership. What exactly is going on? –what’s up with disenfranchising as much as half of our citywide constituency?”

“A proposed takeover of the Republican Party by men excluding women is unnecessary, unacceptable and cannot stand,” declares Kozak.

Kozak noted that men have already been improperly installed into Yonkers GOP positions historically reserved for women. Most recently e.g., in 2025, Devin O’Rourke, a thirty-ish male was appointed First Vice-Chairman — a position designated IN THE BY-LAWS “who shall be a woman.”

She added, “Women of the Republican Party need to be seriously represented by more than mere attendance at meetings. They’re not meant to be mere spectators, or servants in the kitchen making dinner. They should be serving as leaders, too.”

Kozak also pointed to the Yonkers GOP’s decades-long electoral decline: “The Good Old Boys’ network hasn’t produced a single elected City Council member in years. In fact, last year we lost one Republican council seat, leaving only 1 of the remaining 7 filled by a Republican.

“There’s not a single prospective GOP candidate for City Council to oppose the currently entrenched Democrat machine, and no viable Republican mayoral candidates even in sight.

“So the question going forward is, do we want men exclusively running this party, or do we want women to be participating in, and contributing to, GOP leadership?”

Kozak also criticized the Special Committee appointed by Moffitt to review the bylaws, noting that, “it most likely didn’t have a woman on it,” adding, “Women in leadership might, could, should, and probably would do a hell of a lot better than the sorry-ass, perennially weakened position we find ourselves in.”

Message to Moffitt: “With all due respect, this is not the time to eliminate women from the Grand Old Yonkers Republican Party,” Kozak said. “This is the time to bring us back into leadership roles and grow our organization from the grassroots up.”

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City Council Passes Pause on New Self Storage Facilities

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council held their first meeting since their summer recess on Sept. 15. At the meeting the Council unanimously approved an ordinance instituting a temporary moratorim on self-storage facilities in the City.

The ordinance reads, “The City Council of the City of Yonkers is committed to fostering an environment for sustainable economic development within the City of Yonkers. The proliferation of self-storage facilities within the City is thought to be incompatible with this economic goal. While self-storage facilities contribute to property tax revenues, overall, self-storage facilities generally produce less tax revenue compared to mixed-use, commercial, or residential land uses, have low post-construction job creation value, and have characteristics that potentially diminish neighborhood character comfort, reduce street activity, disrupt walkability within commercial areas, and conflict with adjacent residential uses.

“The proposed moratorium is specifically determined to be necessary to preserve the City’s economic goals and minimize the potential long-term impact of self-storage facilities on the City’s economy while the City completes its examination of its zoning laws and land-use strategies as they relate to self-storage facilities to ensure that they continue to align with the City’s economic objectives and the community’s needs.

“Pursuant to its police power, the City Council hereby enacts a temporary moratorium on self-storage facilities within the City whereby no approval permitting any new self-storage facility may be granted by the City. The Moratorium established by this ordinance shall not apply to those projects providing for a self-storage facility that have obtained a variance from the City Zoning Board of Appeals, obtained site plan approval from the City Planning Board, or submitted an application to the City Planning Board for amended site plan approval is sought.”

The Council also approved a local law authorizing the sale of 566 Saw Mill River Road for \$240,000 to an abutting property owner.

Finally, the Council adopted a resolution approved the acceptance of a bequest-distribution to the Yonkers Animal Shelter. The John Steinkampf Jr. Irrevocable Trust has donated \$120,000 to the Yonkers Animal Shelter.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Yonkers Hat Factory

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, September 21st

September 21, 1950: The Federal Public Housing Administration (FPHA) suggested the new housing project being built in Yonkers have bigger apartments to accommodate larger families. Largest apartments in federally subsidized Mulford Gardens and state subsidized Cottage Gardens were five rooms; FPHA suggested some apartments in the new development sites on Palisade Avenue should be 6 ½ rooms!

September 21, 1950: Former City Manager William Walsh, attorney for Deed Realty Corporation who owned The Herald Statesman Building on Dock Street, served Yonkers papers notifying our city they applied for an injunction blocking sale of parts of four streets around Otis Elevator Company. The sale and “discontinuance” of parts of Atherton Street, Bashford Street, Locust Street and Wells Avenue was unanimously approved by Yonkers Common Council.

Deed Realty filed a \$500,000 claim for damages and loss it would suffer from closing parts of these streets.

Tuesday, September 22nd

September 22, 1925: City Judge Charles Boote severely reprimanded Thomas Bitordo for ignoring the signal of a Yonkers patrolman, stating, “There are altogether too many drivers who are simply stupid. They forget stupidity is no excuse before the eyes of the law... It hurts just as much to be killed by stupidity... We cannot always treat stupidity with kindness.” Boote wanted a campaign mounted against “stupid drivers who were a menace to our children.”

September 22, 1945: A September 11th letter from Assistant Adjutant General McWilliams indicated “final action was not taken” for Private Daniel Jones, sentenced to death for mutiny. McWilliams said the court martial record was received at European Theater Headquarters and was being reviewed as it related to Jones’ death sentence.

Jones was one of eleven men arrested for mutiny. One man was acquitted, three dishonorably discharged and seven were to be “shot to death with musketry.”

Wednesday, September 23rd

September 23, 1941: Yonkers City Council unanimously adopted the ordinance Councilman Edith Welty proposed forbidding anyone counting votes-- or having anything to do with the paper ballots-- to have a pencil!

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Yonkers Housing Authority Seeking Development Team to Construct Affordable Housing as Part of Homeownership

Program to Build Generational Wealth

The Yonkers Housing Authority (YHA) is seeking a development team to help it launch an ambitious homeownership program that would construct affordable housing in several city neighborhoods.

The housing authority today issued a Request for Qualifications calling on development teams, nonprofit housing organizations, architects, contractors, and financial partners with a successful track record of developing housing to submit proposals. The deadline is October 30.

“This program is designed to provide economic mobility for current residents of the housing authority and others through the transformative power of homeownership,” said Wilson Kimball, President and CEO of the Yonkers Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers. “We hope that this unique partnership uniting the Housing Authority, City of Yonkers, and an innovative private developer will establish a genuine pathway to prosperity. We are looking for development teams that are willing to think outside of the box and come up with creative solutions.”

In partnership with the City of Yonkers, the housing authority purchased seven parcels of land from the city’s Industrial Development Agency with the goal of building affordable homes.

The dream of homeownership has become more challenging for many Americans to achieve, particularly in the current environment of higher interest rates, stagnating salaries and high housing costs.

“The City of Yonkers has been exceptionally successful at attracting market-rate housing development, and we are equally committed to providing housing at all levels—including to those with modest incomes,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “This collaboration reinforces our commitment to ensuring that Yonkers remains a vibrant, inclusive city where everyone has a fair chance to put down roots.”

Lakisha Collins Bellamy, Counsel to the Yonkers Housing Authority who has been spearheading the homeownership program, said, “As a former housing authority resident, I am keenly aware of the critical importance of providing opportunities for upward mobility to those who have been overlooked,” said Collins Bellamy. “This program creates the open doors and solid foundations that hardworking families deserve, ensuring that our residents have an equitable stake in the future of our city.”

Collins Bellamy said while the benefits of homeownership are well documented, the challenges are more acute for low-moderate households and minorities, particularly Black and Hispanics. While great strides have been made to improve homeownership rates for these two groups and low-moderate households in general, there is still a large gap in homeownership rates between minorities and white, non-Hispanic population for a variety of reasons. Homeownership rates for white non-Hispanic households are about 71.7 percent compared with 47 percent for ethnic minorities,[i] according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) of Harvard University.

The RFQ identifies seven properties including two parcels on Herriott Street, three parcels on Byron Avenue, and parcels on Ridgeview Avenue and Ash Street. The development partner team should be capable of planning, financing, designing, constructing, and marketing, high-quality, durable, and energy-efficient homeownership units on these properties controlled or made available by the Authority, according to the RFQ.

Submission Details and Key Dates
RFQ Availability Online: September 15, 2026, at www.mhacy.org
Pre-Submittal Zoom Conference: September 30, 2026
Deadline for Questions: October 7, 2026, at 3:00 PM EST (submitted via email to procurement@mhacy.org)
Proposal Submission Deadline: October 30, 2026, at 3:00 PM EST

Interested development teams are encouraged to review the full RFQ guidelines and submission requirements available online at <https://www.mhacy.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/MHACY-RFQ-2026-01B.pdf>.

Congressman Latimer Celebrates Yonkers Columbus Day Parade from House Floor



Congressman George Latimer took to the floor of the House of Representatives to celebrate Italian Heritage Month and the upcoming Yonkers Columbus Day parade.

“Mr. Speaker, in October, communities come together to celebrate Italian Heritage Month, with events, parades, and celebrations taking place across the country. At home in New York, we will take part in celebrations at the 99th annual Yonkers Columbus Day parade, featuring live music, a flag-raising ceremony, and concluding with an Italian street festival, filled with everyone’s favorite Italian dishes and treats.

The event will also crown a new Ms. Columbus, a long-standing tradition honoring one Yonkers resident who exemplifies leadership and service in the community.

We also recognize events in Eastchester, Port Chester, and Harrison to celebrate Italian Heritage Month.

I commend the City of Yonkers, along with the Columbus Day Committee, for continuing to keep these cherished traditions alive and providing a space where our Italian neighbors can gather to celebrate their history and culture,” said Rep. Latimer.

The 2026 Yonkers Columbus Day Committee presents the 99th Annual Yonkers Columbus Day Celebration, featuring a series of community events culminating in the Columbus Day Street Festival and Parade on Sunday, October 4. The parade begins at 1:00 PM.

Scarsdale Blows Out Yonkers Guardians 40-14

By Dan Murphy

After a big Week 1 win in the Yonkers Guardians varsity football team's inaugural season, the Guardians lost to Scarsdale High School 40-14 in week 2.

The Guardians were shut out in the first half and were losing 33-0 at halftime. The Guardians scored 14 points in the second half.

The bright spot for the Guardians was QB Brendan Mulvihill, who went 14-for-20 passing for 236 yards and a touchdown. Mulvihill also rushed for 99 yards, for 335 total yards.

This was Scarsdale’s first game of the year, so it's unclear how good they are. But this was a tough loss for the Guardians in a conference game.

The Guardians will host White Plains High School on Sept. 19 at Roosevelt High School.

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Frank Jereis Sworn In as NY Attorney at 25, Adding Another Milestone to a Rising Career



Frank Jereis

Frank Jereis, the 25-year-old Democratic nominee for New York State Assembly in Yonkers’ 90th District and Executive Director of the Yonkers Democratic Party, has reached another major milestone in a remarkably young career: he has been sworn in as an attorney in the State of New York.

Frank Jereis graduated from New York Law School in 2025 with a full merit scholarship after graduating a year early from Hunter College for his undergraduate degree in Biology.

The accomplishment comes at a pivotal moment for the lifelong Yonkers resident. At just 25, Jereis has already built a high public and political profile having spent years deeply involved in government, Democratic Party organization, judicial races and political campaign throughout Westchester County.

Now, with his swearing-in as an Attorney to the New York bar, Jereis adds a legal credential to an already deep resume.

His political career began at an unusually young age. In 2020, at 19, Jereis became the youngest ward leader in Yonkers history, taking on a front-line role in local Democratic politics.

Since then, Jereis was appointed Executive Director of the Yonkers Democratic Party. He has had stints in government roles including at Yonkers’ Human Rights Commission and as a Chief of Staff in the State Assembly. When Assemblyman Sayegh announced that he would not seek reelection, Jereis launched his campaign to succeed his boss for the 90th Assembly District. Frank Jereis handily won the Democratic Primary for Yonkers’ Influential State Assembly seat this past June.

If elected, Jereis would be the youngest member of the State Assembly. His campaign has highlighted his experience working in government and his understanding of Yonkers, while his background has given him experience on both the political and legislative sides of public service.

The General Election is scheduled for November 3, 2026.

Yonkers Man Charged with Aggravated Animal Cruelty After Dog Left Tied to Fence-Left to Die



The Yonkers Police Department and SPCA Westchester Humane Law Enforcement have arrested a 37-year-old Yonkers man following an investigation into the death of Kobe, a dog who was abandoned, tied to a park fence, and left to die.

On July 4, 2026, Police Officers from the Yonkers Police Department’s 3rd Precinct responded to a park in the area of 350 Hawthorne Avenue and began investigating an animal cruelty incident after Kobe was found deceased, still tied to the fence where he had been abandoned. Temperatures during that period had climbed into the high 90s, and Kobe was found without access to food or water. The investigation was continued by Detective Specialists Makena Raffa and Frank Cimadomo, working in conjunction with the SPCA of Westchester Humane Law Enforcement Unit, under the direction of Director Ernest Lungaro.

Through their investigation, Detectives identified Daniel Martinez, 37, of Yonkers, as the individual responsible for abandoning Kobe. Investigators determined that Martinez had taken Kobe from his residence the previous evening, tied him to the fence, and walked away. Martinez later acknowledged that he left Kobe there because he could no longer keep him. Investigators further determined that no arrangements had been made for another person to take possession of or care for Kobe.

On August 27, Detective Specialists Raffa and Cimadomo, members of the Yonkers Police Department’s 3rd Precinct, and Director Lungaro located Martinez and placed him under arrest. Martinez was charged with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a felony under New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said, “Kobe was completely dependent on the people responsible for his care, and instead, he was left tied to a fence with no one coming back for him. Abandoning an animal without food, water, shelter, or care is not only cruel – under circumstances like these, it can be a serious crime. I applaud our skilled Detectives working as Field Intelligence Officers in our Crime Control Strategies Division for following up on these cases and giving them the attention and resources they deserve. The Yonkers Police Department will always work with our partners at the SPCA of Westchester Humane Law Enforcement Unit, Westchester County District Attorney’s Office, and all neighboring law enforcement agencies to investigate allegations of animal cruelty and hold those responsible accountable.”

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace said, “Our four-legged friends rely on us to protect them, advocate for them, and keep them safe, and I am sickened by the heartless conduct the defendant is accused of in this case. Poor Kobe was allegedly abandoned by the very person he depended on for his care and left helpless, tied to a fence without food, water, or shelter, where he tragically died alone after being exposed to extreme heat and direct sunlight for about 15 hours. Kobe deserved better. Animal abuse and neglect will not be tolerated in our community, and I applaud the Yonkers Police Department for its diligent work alongside my office’s Animal Cruelty Coordinator to investigate this case. My office will continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners to seek justice for innocent animals who cannot speak for themselves.”

This case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office. Charges are accusations, and all suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Wishing all the best to Lisa LaRocca, who has reported the news for more than 30 years in Westchester and Yonkers. LaRocca, who recently stepped down from News12 Westchester, where she was a welcome presence for thousands. She is pictured with Mayor Mike Spano and County Legislator James Nolan

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But a New York Focus analysis of data recently released by the Deportation Data Project shows the Port Chester Police Department appears to have honored ICE’s requests to turn people over to the federal agency far more often than most other local law enforcement agencies, with nearly 60 people landing in ICE detention that way since 2024.

Village leadership have said police only contact ICE about people accused of crimes. But 10 immigrants with no documented criminal history were taken into ICE custody shortly after the agency sent detainers to police. That number is by far the highest of any jurisdiction in the state, including ones 50 times its size.

The finding highlights one way local police quietly assist with immigration enforcement, even without the formal contracts with ICE that New York just banned.

Port Chester, a 30,000-person village that leans Democratic, has never had a so-called 287(g) agreement with ICE, through which local law enforcement can serve immigration warrants and, in some cases, conduct immigration arrests. But that hasn’t prevented the village’s police from helping ICE arrest people after the agency sends them “detainers” — requests that they hold people already in their custody until ICE can pick them up.

Neither Rosabella nor Port Chester Mayor Luis Marino responded to emails or phone calls requesting comment. Marino, who immigrated to the US from Peru in 1985, has said that ICE agents making arrests in Port Chester generally sought people with a criminal record. And local police reached out to the agency only in limited circumstances, he told the Journal News.

“Our Port Chester Police Department is not working with ICE,” he said. Police are not required to honor detainers. Many departments around the state, including the New York City Police Department, rarely do so, the data reveals.

The data doesn’t show explicitly how law enforcement handled the detainers in each case. For this analysis, New York Focus tallied detainers sent to Port Chester that ICE lifted because the person was booked into ICE custody and where the immigration arrest happened within a day of the detainer being sent.

Police are permitted under New York law to communicate with ICE about people in custody. Under a 2018 state court ruling, however, they can’t hold those people longer than necessary so that ICE has time has to show up.

Experts say it can be hard to know when that rule is violated. “There are certainly a lot of gray areas, and places where law enforcement may be exploiting those gray areas,” said Zachary Ahmad, senior policy counsel at the New York Civil Liberties Union.

A spokesperson for the attorney general’s office told New York Focus that the office is “in touch” with the Port Chester Police Department regarding the agency’s interactions with ICE. She declined to confirm or deny the existence of an investigation.

ICE has arrested 57 people after sending detainer requests to Port Chester police since 2024, New York Focus’s analysis shows. Though the agency arrested more immigrants who had been in custody at jails in Nassau, Suffolk, Orange, and Rockland counties, as well as at New York City’s Rikers Island jail complex, those facilities each received a much larger number of ICE detainer requests and a smaller share of them resulted in detentions.

Based on ICE data, 17 of the people Port Chester turned over had no criminal history until their contact with the local police. Even after their run-ins with the police, ICE still categorized 10 as “immigration violators,” meaning they had not been charged with crimes. Federal court documents and prior reporting indicate that at least some of them were picked up by police on allegations of basic traffic violations alone, which are not considered crimes and do not normally lead to detention.

On Valentine’s Day, a 54-year-old Colombian asylum seeker was riding a motor scooter when he was stopped by a Port Chester police officer for “driving a motor-scooter that was not yet registered,” according to federal court documents. He was then charged with operating a motor vehicle without a license — a traffic infraction, not a crime.

“Nonetheless, the police department arrested Petitioner and notified ICE,” a federal judge wrote in an opinion on the man’s lawsuit, ordering his immediate release after two months of ICE detention.

We Have a Problem in Westchester With Sexual Criminals



Mt. Kisco Man and Registered Sex Offender Busted Again
Dustin Tompkins, left

Registered Sex Offender Charged With Sexual Exploitations Of Children And Receipt And Distribution Of Child Pornography

On Sept. 11, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jamie McDonald, announced that DUSTIN TOMPKINS, a registered sex offender, was charged with sexual exploitation of children by persuading, and attempting to persuade, them to create and send him sexually explicit images, receipt and distribution of child pornography, and committing offenses against children while being a registered sex offender. TOMPKINS, who is currently detained on charges that he violated the terms of his supervised release, was presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause in White Plains federal court.

“The Southern District of New York will use every available tool to protect children,” said U.S. Attorney Jamie McDonald. “Dustin Tompkins represents every parent’s greatest fear: an adult who allegedly used social media to gain access to children and exploit them for his own sexual gratification. As alleged, while on supervision for a prior conviction for receipt and distribution of child pornography, Tompkins used social media to communicate with minors and persuade them to create and send him sexually explicit images. Tompkins is also alleged to have amassed additional child pornography via social media applications. If you have information to report, please immediately contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.”

As alleged in the Complaint:(1) On or about March 18, 2015, TOMPKINS pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to receiving and distributing child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(2) and (b)(1), and was subsequently sentenced to 77 months in prison to be followed by a lifetime term of supervised release.

On or about January 30, 2026, officers from the U.S. Probation Office conducted a routine supervisory visit and discovered hidden in TOMPKINS’s bedroom an unsanctioned smartphone. A subsequent court-authorized search of that smartphone found images comprising child pornography. The search of the smartphone further revealed that, on or about January 24, 2026, TOMPKINS had created a messaging group using a social media application by which he received and viewed approximately 55 files containing child pornography.

Finally, the smartphone search found that TOMPKINS, using a second social media application, had posed as an adult woman and exchanged messages with minors. Specifically, on or about October 14, 2025, Tompkins directed a 13-year-old to engage in sexually explicit conduct, photograph the conduct, and transmit the photograph to him. Then, on or about December 26, 2025, Tompkins directed, and attempted to direct, a 16-year-old to engage in sexually explicit conduct, photograph and record the conduct, and transmit the photograph and video to him.

There may be other victims. If you have information to report, please contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

TOMPKINS, 38, of Mount Kisco, New York, is charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a child, which each carry a minimum sentence of 25 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 50 years in prison. TOMPKINS is also charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography, which carries a minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison. TOMPKINS is finally charged with one count of committing the offenses charged in Counts One and Two while being a registered sex offender, which requires a sentence of 10 years in prison to be served consecutively to any sentence imposed pursuant to Counts One and Two.

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1,300 Residential Members of 32BJ SEIU

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Vote to Authorize a Strike



Tashnette Wilkinson, doorperson at a co-op in Yonkers, left

On Wednesday, September 16, 2026, doorpersons, porters, supers, resident managers, and handypersons working in hundreds of apartments, condos, and co-ops voted to authorize a strike if needed to keep up with the cost of living and protect their health care. While the residential real estate industry is having a strong showing, a national affordability crisis is hitting particularly hard in this region – already one of the most expensive places to live in the country.

Negotiations between 32BJ SEIU, the union representing workers, and the Building and Realty Institute of Westchester & the Mid-Hudson Region (BRI), representing the residential real estate industry, started on August 25. The current contract expires on September 30.

The BRI is demanding cuts to paid leave, changes to overtime protections, and reductions in job protections which make it easier to eliminate positions.

32BJ SEIU members unveiled their top demands:
Fair wage increases to keep up with the cost of living; Strengthening the pension benefit to keep up with the cost of living; Protecting the comprehensive, fully employer-paid family health insurance that hundreds of members and their families rely on; Protecting legal and training benefits, including free education and immigration legal services
Improving work conditions and paid leave

Israel Melendez, 32BJ SEIU Vice President and Hudson Valley Director: “We came out in force today to make it clear that we are not going to stand for attacks on the paychecks, pensions, and health care that our members need. These workers demand some respect. They show up in heatwaves, snowstorms, and throughout COVID to make sure residents are safe and comfortable at home. We are united and ready to strike if needed to win a strong contract.”

Tashnette Wilkinson, doorperson at a co-op in Yonkers and 32BJ SEIU member for 6 years: “This is a terrifying moment for working families. All of our bills keep going up, and we keep cutting back. I show up every day ready to go above and beyond for my residents. In exchange, we just want the real estate industry to give us our fair share. Nobody wants to walk. But I’m ready to strike if that’s what it takes to be able to provide for my kids.”

truth I struggled to get many of my colleagues to comprehend: quality health-care must be treated as a fundamental right for every American.

For too long, our party has ceded the healthcare debate to the left. But make no mistake: socialism is gaining momentum in America precisely because the current healthcare system is failing working people.

When blue-collar workers—the private-sector union members who build our infrastructure, power our economy, and earn their living through hard labor—face bankruptcy over medical bills, they feel abandoned. Private-sector unions have long proven that offering living wages, healthcare benefits, and a dignified retirement is essential for strong communities. Yet, our current medical landscape relies on bloated, bureaucratic monopolies that prioritize guaranteed multi-billion-dollar corporate profits over the livelihoods of everyday citizens.

If Republicans do not offer a real, market-minded solution to this crisis, the next generation of voters will default to government-mandated socialism out of pure desperation.

We do not need a full government takeover of medicine, nor can we continue defending a status quo that drives our national debt toward \$40 trillion while charging working families five-figure bills for an overnight hospital stay. The solution is pro-worker, pro-choice, and fiscally sound: a guaranteed public baseline that lowers costs through price negotiations, paired with the total freedom to purchase private supplemental coverage—just like successful models across Europe, Asia, and Australia.

I remain a proud Republican, but our party’s future depends on the candidates we nominate next. We must show the American people that free enterprise works best when it serves human beings, not corporate monopolies. It is time for us to step up, protect the working class, and fix this broken trap once and for all.

In solidarity and conservative purpose,
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CORRECTION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 PM in the

Saunders Trades and Technical High School Auditorium, 183 Palmer Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701, Yonkers, New York on the following general ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MARY TEAGUE AND AUTHORIZING THE HONORARY STREET RENAMING OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE FROM HUDSON STREET TO MAIN STREET AS “MARY TEAGUE WAY”

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up. Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City’s Website.

VINCENT SPANO
City Clerk
September 16, 2026

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THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebid-system.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7673A – Opening Date: 10/04/2026; 12-month contract, with two 12-month renewal options, for automotive glass service, repair, and replacement for all City of Yonkers vehicles (VB).
2. Bid No. IFB-7684 – Opening date: 10/09/2026: Electrical repairs/replacement of Current Transformer Cabinet at 319 Tuckahoe Road (MM).
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windshield of the victim’s Subaru. Both operators then drove away. Video surveillance later captured Sandoval-Firpo operating in the center lane of the Thruway southbound near the Cross County Parkway before moving into the left lane, cutting off the victim, resulting in a collision. Sandoval-Firpo then exited his vehicle and fired at the victim’s vehicle.

Both vehicles fled the scene. The victim traveled to a nearby location and was interviewed by troopers. Sandoval-Firpo’s vehicle was later located by the Yonkers Police Department, which attempted a stop. Sandoval-Firpo struck a marked Yonkers PD patrol vehicle while evading apprehension and a pursuit was initiated. Sandoval-Firpo ultimately came to a stop on the Thruway southbound in Yonkers after his vehicle sustained a flat tire from an unknown cause. Yonkers PD and the State Police took Sandoval-Firpo into custody. No injuries were reported.

Sandoval-Firpo was transported to SP Tarrytown for processing and is charged with the following:

- Attempted murder, 2nd degree
- Attempted assault, 1st degree
- Reckless endangerment, 1st degree
- Criminal possession of a weapon, 2nd degree- loaded firearm
- Criminal possession of a weapon, 3rd degree – previous conviction
- Criminal possession of a firearm
- Menacing, 2nd degree
- Multiple vehicle and traffic law violations

Sandoval-Firpo was arraigned in the City of Yonkers Justice Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash, or \$50,000 bond or \$75,000 10% partially secured bond. He is scheduled to reappear in the City of Yonkers Justice Court on September 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. for a felony hearing. An Order of Protection was issued for the victim.

The Westchester County Real Time Crime Unit assisted in the investigation and was instrumental in helping to locate and identify the suspect vehicle.

Notice of Formation of FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

QUINCY DARBYSHIRE INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Quincy Darbyshire, 115 Loring Ave, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Reid Consultancy, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/08/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her to: 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Registered agent: Heather Kelly, 30 Maryland Ave, Armonk, NY 10504. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Praveka Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 70 Beach Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of GABRIELLA'S FRIENDLY CONCIERGE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/26/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 147 OAKLAND AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY, 10709. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of elinfonet.com, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Raymond Nardo, P.C., 55 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 205, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of ALLIANCE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/03/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 7 RYE RIDGE PLAZA, UNIT #680, RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of TE Inheritance Law PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/19/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Law.

Notice of formation of Chatsworth Drive Confectionaries LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/20/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Playwich LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/31/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 333 Mamaroneck Ave, #423, White Plains, NY 10605. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Duration: perpetual.

Notice of formation of AyurvedaNewYork, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on Sept 4, 2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 145 Palisade Street Suite 200 PMB 1015 Dobbs Ferry New York 10522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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This partnership is what true community connection looks like. Every donation accepted and every bag packed directly supports local feeding initiatives, making a tangible difference for our neighbors facing food insecurity. A huge thank-you to all of our guest baggers from Messiah Baptist Church, our honored local leaders, our dedicated store team, and our incredible customers for their generous ongoing support!

El Salvador Flag Raising at City Hall



Happy 205th Independence Day to El Salvador!

The City of Yonkers proudly raised the flag of El Salvador as part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

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