



Incident #: 25-593-OF

Call #: 25-6302

Date/Time Reported: 04/01/2025 1342  
Report Date/Time: 04/01/2025 1351  
Occurred Between: 03/21/2025 1727-03/21/2025 1800  
Status: Incident Open

Reporting Officer: LIEUT Graham MacCoy  
Approving Officer: CAPT Ryan DeSisto

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#	SUSPECT(S)	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	COPLEY, SCOTT R COVENTRY RI 02816	M	W	48		

Military Active Duty: N  
BODY: NOT AVAIL. COMPLEXION: NOT AVAIL.  
DOB: PLACE OF BIRTH: NOT AVAIL.  
LICENSE NUMBER: ETHNICITY: NOT HISPANIC

[CONTACT INFORMATION]

CallBack Number (Primary)

[APPEARANCE]

GLASSES WORN: NO

#	OFFENSE(S)	ATTEMPTED	TYPE
	LOCATION TYPE: Residence/Home/Apt./Condo COVENTRY RI 02816	Zone: AREA 1	
1	THREATS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS 11-42-4 11-42 4 OCCURRED: 03/21/2025 1600 SUSPECTED OF USING: Not Applicable BIAS AGAINST: No Bias	N	Felony

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#	VICTIM(S)	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE	
1	LIMA, HILLARY V  COVENTRY RI 02816  DOB: ETHNICITY: Not of Hispanic Origin RESIDENT STATUS: Resident VICTIM CONNECTED TO OFFENSE NUMBER(S): 1 RELATION TO: COPLEY SCOTT CONTACT INFORMATION: CallBack Number (Primary)	F W	31		Otherwise Known	
#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	VERDUCCI, JOHN P  COVENTRY RI 02816 DOB:  EMPLOYER: RI DOT	WITNESS	M W	42		
2	ANGELL, STEPHEN J  JOHNSTON RI 02919 DOB:	REPORTING PARTY	M W	55		
3	WILLIAMSON, TIMOTHY A  WEST WARWICK RI 02893 DOB:  EMPLOYER: ATTORNEY CONTACT INFORMATION: Home Phone (Primary) CallBack Number (Primary)	PARTICIPANT	M W	62		
4	AMITRANO, JOANNE P  COVENTRY RI 02827 DOB:  EMPLOYER: TOWN CLERK	OTHER	F W	56		
5	PARRILLO, DANIEL O JR  COVENTRY RI 02816 DOB:  EMPLOYER: TOWN MANAGER	OTHER	M W	58		

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### **Summary:**

On March 28, 2025, Coventry Town Solicitor Stephen Angell reported to me a threatening statement allegedly made by Coventry Town Councilmember Scott Copley toward Council President Hillary Lima. The incident involves multiple Town Councilmembers and raised serious safety concerns. The matter was subsequently investigated, and statements were collected from all involved parties and the below narrative will reflect this.

### **Narrative:**

On Friday, March 28, 2025, at 1745 hrs., Coventry Town Solicitor Stephen Angell contacted me via telephone regarding a threat from another Coventry Town Council member, Scott Copley, to Coventry Town Council President Hillary Lima.

Mr. Angell advised that prior to contacting me; he had received a phone call from Coventry Town Council Vice President John-Paul (JP) Verducci. Mr. Verducci advised Mr. Angell that on Friday, March 21, 2025, he had received a phone call from Mr. Copley while he (Mr. Verducci) was driving home from work. Mr. Copley was upset over the Town Council agenda not including an item he had requested. Mr. Verducci advised Mr. Angell that during the conversation, Mr. Copley accused Mrs. Lima of manipulating and monopolizing what goes on the Town Council agendas and stated to Mr. Verducci that he was going to *"go to Hillary's house and skull fuck her."* Mr. Verducci stated that during the conversation, Mr. Copley was enraged, and he attempted to calm him down. Mr. Verducci further stated that he and other members of the Town Council have voiced their concerns with each other regarding their fear of Mr. Copley's behavior and outbursts and are afraid of what he may do. Mr. Verducci then later reached out to Mr. Angell via telephone and advised him of the incident. Mr. Angell stated that, out of genuine concern for the safety and well-being of Mrs. Lima, he felt it was necessary to immediately bring this threat to the attention of the Coventry Police Department after speaking with Mr. Verducci.

Mr. Angell advised that Mrs. Lima was out of Town at this time and was unaware of the alleged comments made by Mr. Copley. Mr. Angell advised that Mrs. Lima would be returning on Sunday, March 30, 2025, so I could inform her of this incident and speak with her.

After speaking with Mr. Angell, I contacted Mr. Verducci via telephone, who confirmed Mr. Angell's aforementioned statement. I asked Mr. Verducci if he would be able to provide me with a written statement after I spoke with Mrs. Lima, and he stated that he would.

### **Sunday, March 30, 2025**

#### **1553 hrs**

I contacted Mrs. Lima via telephone ( ) and informed her of these allegations. Mrs. Lima advised that she was very concerned over these comments made by Mr. Copley and indicated she would follow up with me upon returning from being out of Town.

### **Monday, March 31, 2025**

#### **1723 hrs**

Mrs. Lima contacted me via telephone and advised that she would like to make a formal complaint against Mr. Copley. I advised Mrs. Lima that I would need to obtain a written witness statement from her and informed her

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how to obtain a restraining order. I also asked her to include in the statement whether she wished to have a trespass warning issued to Mr. Copley for her property.

**1919 hrs**

I spoke with Mr. Verducci via telephone and informed him that Mrs. Lima would be making a formal complaint against Mr. Copley. I asked Mr. Verducci if he would make a written statement and he advised he would.

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**0040 hrs**

I emailed Mrs. Lima a written witness statement to be completed.

**0047 hrs**

I emailed Mr. Verducci a written witness statement to be completed.

**0040 hrs**

Mrs. Lima emailed me her written statement in which she confirmed being informed of a threatening and vulgar comment allegedly made by Mr. Copley during a conversation with Mr. Verducci. She expressed concern over the nature of the statement and advised she wished to press charges, pursue a no trespass order for her residence, and seek a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO). (See attached written witness statement.)

**Tuesday, April 1, 2025**

**1400 hrs**

I spoke with Mr. Copley via telephone ( ) and explained to him the allegations. Mr. Copley advised that he would contact his attorney and contact me back at HQ when he would be able to speak with me at HQ about this incident.

**1430 hrs**

Mr. Copley's attorney, Timothy Williamson contacted HQ's via telephone and advised dispatch to have me contact him back.

**1510 hrs**

I contacted Attorney Williamson back via telephone and explained to him the allegations against his client, Mr. Copley. I asked Attorney Williamson if he would be willing to allow for me to speak with his client and he stated that what had been told to me was not accurate and that Mr. Copley had told Mr. Verducci during the phone call conversation that the Town was getting "skull fucked" due to what was happening politically in the Town and with Mr. Angell. Attorney Williamson stated that at no time did Mr. Copley state that he would be going to Mrs. Lima's residence and at no time did he state that Mr. Copley stated that he was going to "skull fuck" Mrs. Lima. Attorney Williamson stated that he would not allow Mr. Copley to come to HQ's but would instead email me a written statement on what had he had stated during the conversation with Mr. Verducci.

During our conversations, I advised Attorney Williamson that Mrs. Lima wished to have Mr. Copley trespassed from her property, , Coventry. Attorney Williamson and I discussed this matter and the necessity or non-necessity of issuing a trespass warning to Mr. Copley. Attorney Williamson advised that he would advise

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his client not to enter Mrs. Lima's property.

**1526 hrs**

I contacted Mrs. Lima via telephone and advised her of the trespass warning conversation that I had had with Attorney Williamson. Mrs. Lima advised that she still wished to have a trespass warning entered into our database (IMC) to prohibit Mr. Copley from entering her property due to the nature of the allegations. After speaking with Mrs. Lima a trespass warning was entered into IMC for Mr. Copley for Mrs. Lima's residence, , Coventry.

**2050 hrs**

I received a written statement from Mr. Verducci detailing a phone conversation he had with Mr. Copley on March 21, 2025. During the call, Mr. Copley became increasingly agitated over a Town Council agenda item that had been excluded. Mr. Verducci stated that Mr. Copley blamed Councilwoman Hillary Lima for the issue and, as his agitation escalated, stated that he would "skull fuck her." Mr. Verducci added that *"I can't 100% be sure he said he would 'go to her house and skull fuck her' or if he only stated he would 'skull fuck her.'"* He described responding to the remark with, "wow, Jesus Christ man," and concluded the call shortly after arriving home.

In a subsequent conversation on March 28, 2025, Mr. Verducci relayed this incident to Town Solicitor Stephen Angell, who expressed concern, stating that a comment like the one made by Mr. Copley about Mrs. Lima was worrisome. Mr. Angell advised that he may be following up on the matter. (See attached written witness statement.)

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025**

**0000 hrs.**

Upon my review of Mr. Verducci's above-mentioned statement, I observed that he stated the following: *"I can't 100% be sure he said he would 'go to her house and skull fuck her' or if he only stated he would 'skull fuck her.'"* This statement differed from what was initially reported to me by Mr. Angell and Mr. Verducci. While the nature of the comment remains threatening and vulgar, the specific language referencing Mrs. Lima's home was less definitive in Mr. Verducci's written statement than what had previously been relayed verbally.

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**0000 hrs**

I received an email from Attorney Williamson, dated Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 1548 hrs, with an attached signed written statement from Mr. Copley. The email stated:

*Lt. MacCoy:*

*Please see Mr. Copley's statement with the attached exhibit.*

*Also, pursuant to our conversation yesterday, I would appreciate it if the CPD would not honor the request of Council President Lima about the No Trespass Warning. It would appear that Town Solicitor's Angell's presentation to the police department was dependent on triple hearsay: Verducci, Lima and Angell. As such*

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*there would not appear to be any probable cause/ reasonable suspicion for said warning to be given.*

*Thank you for your assistance in this matter.*

*Timothy A. Williamson Esq.*

*(See attached email).*

I then reviewed Mr. Copley's attached written statement, signed and dated 4/2/2025, which stated:

*"On March 21, 2025, I had a private telephone conversation with John Paul Verducci. We are both elected officials serving on the Coventry Town Council. Mr. Verducci is the Town Council Vice President.*

*The entire conversation was about the current state of affairs within our local government: about the Town Council President's actions, conduct, and behavior as an elected official that some of us believe are in violation of law. The conversation also dealt with our Town Solicitor's actions, conduct, and behavior. Furthermore, most of the conversation was regarding my request to have certain matters placed on the Council's agenda for the March 25, 2025, Town Council Meeting. (PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT 1)*

*At the previous March 11, 2025, Coventry Town Council meeting, tempers flared in public, wherein there were a significant number of differences of opinion related to the Town Council President and Town Solicitor Stephen Angell's arrangement regarding the review and approval of the Solicitor's legal billing and other matters that are believed to be in violation of law.*

*My telephone conversation with the Town Council Vice President dealt with these Town Council issues and Town Council issues alone. At no time did I make any threats against anyone, specifically Hillary Lima. Most, if not all, of the conversation discussed the Town Council's inability as a Town Council to review Atty. Angell's unredacted legal bills and other governmental matters.*

*Any other comments that were made were directly related to, and about, the Town Council; in that we were looking like fools and that there were violations of the RI Constitution, Rhode Island General Laws, Coventry Home Rule Charter, and Coventry's Code of Ordinances."*

*(See attached written witness statement).*

Also attached to the aforementioned email was "Exhibit 1," which contained an email from Mr. Copley, sent from his Town Council email to Town Manager Daniel Parrillo and Town Clerk Joanne Amitrano, requesting that item(s) be added to the agenda. This email, dated Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1221 hrs. (See attached).

**Conclusion:**

Forward to the Prosecution Division for review of this case, along with review by the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office.