



Joint News Release

Rochester Man in Custody for Making Terroristic Threats.

Rochester, NY (January 17, 2023) The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and New York State Police arrested a Rochester man on Saturday afternoon for criminal possession of weapons, stolen property and making threats against several county employees, including the County Executive.

Beginning in early December, a man repeatedly called the County Office Building leaving agitated messages. As time went on, the messages became increasingly aggressive. On January 4, 2023, the man who identified himself as Raymond Girard, made several direct threats to county employees and County Executive Adam Bello. During the investigation, video was discovered where Mr. Girard is seen pointing a gun at an individual outside of a gas station, unprovoked, increasing our concern for public safety.

On January 14, 2023 at 4:02 in the afternoon, Monroe County Sheriff's deputies arrested **Raymond G. Girard, 34, of Rochester**, at his home on Hudson Avenue.

MCSO charged Mr. Girard with the following:

- Making a Terroristic Threat (Class D-Felony)
- Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree (Class A-Misdemeanor)
- Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Class A-Misdemeanor) (2 Counts)

At the same time, on Saturday, January 14th, during an unrelated investigation, State Police conducted a search warrant at the residence of Raymond Girard, and subsequently charged Girard with the following:

- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree (Class D-Felony)
- Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree (Class A-Misdemeanor) (2 Counts)
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree (Class E-Felony)
- Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree (Class A-Misdemeanor) (2 Counts)

He was arraigned in Rochester City Court and remanded to the Monroe County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 cash, \$5,000 bond, or \$40,000 partially secured bond.

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