



CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

POLICE DEPARTMENT



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DOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES HATE CRIME INVESTIGATION AND ARREST

DOVER, NH, July 2, 2024- Chief William Breault of the Dover Police Department announces that an arrest has been made as a result of a Criminal Threatening investigation.

On the morning of June 20, 2024, a sign was discovered attached to the front door of the First Parish Church, located at 218 Central Avenue in the City of Dover. The sign contained anti-LGBTQ messaging and the threat of “Be saved today or you will perish in your sins!”

After further investigation conducted by Dover Police detectives, the suspect who affixed the sign was identified as 49-year-old Isaac Santiago, of Somersworth, New Hampshire. Dover detectives executed a search warrant on Santiago’s residence and later obtained a warrant for his arrest.

Santiago was charged with Criminal Threatening, a class “A” misdemeanor. The charges include the possibility of an extended term of imprisonment under the state’s “Hate Crime” statute; specifically alleging this crime was substantially motivated towards the victim’s religion, creed, or sexual orientation.

Santiago surrendered to the Dover Police on July 2, 2024 and was released on Personal Recognizance bail. His arraignment is scheduled at the 7th Circuit Court—District Division—Dover on August 12, 2024, at 08:30 A.M.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Dover Police Department at 603-742-4646. Those wishing to remain anonymous can provide information to the Dover Crimeline at 603-749-6000. The Dover Crimeline can also be contacted via www.dovernhcrimeline.org.

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