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Re: Threats

On October 28, 2026, Albert James Mikalajunas pled guilty to two counts of Threatening a Court Officer in the Performance of their Duty in the Circuit Court for Harford County. Mikalajunas was sentenced by the Honorable Gregory Sampson to twenty (20) years' incarceration suspending all but ten years to serve. Mikalajunas also admitted to violating his probation by incurring a new criminal offense while incarcerated and was sentenced to an additional three (3) years to be served consecutively. All thirteen (13) years will begin at the completion of his original sentence.

Facts presented in support of the plea showed that on March 9, 2026, a letter was received by the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County written by Mikalajunas and sent from the Maryland Correctional Training Center in Hagerstown, Maryland where he had been serving a sentence for Distribution of Cocaine since 2020. Mikalajunas' letter threatened to kill the former Assistant State's Attorney that prosecuted the case and any judges of the Circuit Court for Harford County that kept him in prison. The Maryland State Police's Homicide Unit began an investigation and interviewed Mikalajunas, who admitted to writing the letter. Additionally, a handwriting analysis was conducted of the letter with known exemplars of Mikalajunas which concluded that there was strong evidence to support that he wrote it.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2026, Anothony Connolly, 21, of Pasadena, pled guilty to Threatening an Elected Official in the District Court for Harford County and was sentenced to three (3) years of incarceration suspending all but six (6) months to serve by the Honorable Kerwin Miller. Connolly, who was also sentenced on two additional cases, will serve at total of eighteen (18) months at the Harford County Detention Center.

Facts presented in support of the plea showed that on September 12, 2026, Anthony Connolly made a call from the Harford County Detention Center to a victim in an unrelated case with whom he was ordered to have no contact. During the course of the call, Connolly spoke in an agitated and aggressive manner, repeatedly yelling throughout the call. At one point in the call, he specifically threatened bodily harm to Harford County State's Attorney Alison Healey and indicated that he was going to find her address when he was released from jail. This call followed a hearing earlier in the month that State's Attorney Healey handled in the District

Court, where Connolly had to be forcibly removed from the courtroom after violating a no contact order with the same victim as on the call.

Following these verdicts, States Attorney Alison Healey made the following statement: “Threatening another person’s life is never acceptable, under any circumstances. It is especially egregious when those threats are directed at public servants who are simply doing their job by holding individuals accountable for their criminal behavior. Threats, intimidation, and attempts to instill fear will never be tolerated or allowed to interfere with the pursuit of justice in Harford County.”

State’s Attorney Healey wishes to express her thanks to those that brought these cases to justice. State vs. Albert Mikalajunas - the Maryland State Police Sgt. C. Taylor from the Homicide Unit and Forensic Document Examiner Lawder of the Maryland State Police Crime Lab, as well as Deputy State’s Attorney David Ryden who prosecuted the case. State vs. Anthony Connolly – visiting Assistant State’s Attorney for Carroll County Craig Wolf and Sgt. Haga of the Harford County Sheriff's Office for his monitoring and investigation of this Defendant.