

New Britain

Case/Incident Report # 16-21085

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Code 106		Department Class Harassment			
REPORTED (Date and time) 10/09/2016 19:59:00		FROM (Date and time) 10/09/2016 19:18:00		TO (Date and time)	
Clearance Code Open		Supplemental? NO			
Clearance Code		Exceptional Clearance Date			
NIBRS Incident Type(s)					
Seq 1	Incident Type ALL OTHER OFFENSES			Attempted	Conspiracy
Incident Location					
Street Address 10 CHESTNUT STREET			Apt #	Floor	Suffix
City New Britain			State CT	Zip 06051	Occupancy Occupied
Common Name NEW BRITAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT			Country United States		
			Address Type Government/Public Bldg		
Involved Persons (Non Suspect)					
COMPLAINANT					
Name (Last, Suffix, Title, First, Middle) HAAS, KENNETH A					
OTHER					
Name (Last, Suffix, Title, First, Middle) BERRIAULT, ROBERT W					
Suspect Information					
No Suspects					
Offense Details					
Sequence 1	Offense ALL OTHER OFFENSES				
No additional offense detail available					
Signature					
Investigating Officer Ofc. Thomas, Corey L		ID Number CLT0472	Unit U23	Approved By Anderson, Donald C.	
Investigating Officer Signature			Supervisor Signature		
Subscribed and sworn to before me Anderson, Donald C. this 9th of October, 2016				FP/DP/Printer 1 0 0 2 Printed 10/09/2016 09:02:36 PM (Page 1 of 2)	

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Narrative

On Sunday, October 9, 2016 at approximately 1918 hours, I was dispatched to the report of an harassment complaint in the lobby of New Britain Police Department located at 10 Chestnut Street.

Upon arrival, I spoke with Kenneth Haas who was the complainant. He stated that he was appointed by Mayor Erin Stewart to the New Britain Board of Conservation Commissioners. Haas stated that he responded to a comment that one of his friends made on facebook which caused Robert Berriault and other community members to take notice. Haas stated that one community member was being very disrespectful and he made the mistake of saying that he had access to all the civil and criminal records in the city. Haas stated that Berriault became very upset at this comment and on 09/20/16 began to create posts about how he shouldn't be in office. Haas stated that there have been three total posts since then. He also stated that Berriault made a facebook petition to get him out of his elected position. Haas stated that Berriault only attacked his political stance and expressed how he was not qualified for his position. He stated there have never been any threats of violence. Haas stated he contacted the Dean of Western New England University Law School where Berriault is a student to alert them of his actions. Haas stated that he just wants Berriault to lighten up on the posts and keep things civil.

I spoke with Robert Berriault via telephone. He stated that he only attacked Haas' political stance and the fact that he isn't qualified for his current position. Berriault stated that he has no personal issues with Haas whatsoever. He stated that the Dean of his school was not concerned about his facebook posts as he was just stating his opinion. Berriault stated that he has drafted a letter to the editor of the New Britain Independent stating his case concerning Haas. He stated that he will no longer post anything on facebook pertaining to the issue.

I advised Haas that this was not a criminal act and that Berriault had every right to voice his opinion. I advised Haas that when you choose a career in politics that harsh criticism comes with the territory. Haas stated that he understood.

No wants/warrants/protective orders.

Nothing further.

Signature

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