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DHS Freshman Lacrosse Coach Arrested by Waterbury Police Detectives on a Warrant

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A freshman lacrosse coach at Darien High School was arrested by Waterbury police detectives at Darien Police Headquarters after Darien police took the man into custody at about 2:30 p.m. on the high school campus.

The timing may have been related to the end of the school day at 2:20 p.m., 10 minutes before. Darien police said they acted at the request of the Waterbury Police Department and immediately turned over Raul Bourgeois to the Waterbury detectives.

Bourgeois, who also owns The Lacrosse Company, a lacrosse coaching business, was wanted on a warrant from Waterbury, Darien police said in an 8:14 p.m. news release.

Darien police said they would defer to the Waterbury department for information on why Bourgeois was

arrested. According to a report appearing in Hearst newspapers, a spokesman for the Waterbury department could not immediately be reached for comment.

"At no time were students at Darien High School at risk," the news release said.

At 8:53 p.m., Darien High School Principal Ellen Dunn emailed parents of the schools students, saying that "one of the freshmen lacrosse coaches" was arrested by Waterbury police. "We have no further details at this time regarding the arrest. As information becomes available, we will share it with you where possible.

"[DHS Lacrosse Head] Coach [Jeff] Brameier has been informed and the coaching staff will be adjusted in order to meet the needs of our student athletes, including staffing tomorrow's contests in New Jersey," Dunn concluded.

The Lacrosse Company was founded in February 2016, according to Bourgeois' LinkedIn page. Bourgeois studied pre-law, justice and law administration from 2010 to 2013 at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury and also studied at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

"The Lacrosse Company LLC (Laxco) provides individual and small group lacrosse training, larger camps/clinics, stick stringing and equipment services, retail sales of new and used lacrosse equipment, and assistance with the college process and recruiting. [...] From brand new first day players to very experienced players ages 4-18, LaxCo offers services to help players achieve their goals."

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Darien Police News Release

Here is the full text:

On May 10th, 2018 at approximately 1400hrs the Waterbury Police Department contacted this agency in regard to an individual, identified as Raul Bourgeois, who was believed to be within our jurisdiction and for whom they had an active arrest warrant. Bourgeois was believed to be on the campus of Darien High School.

Detectives from the Darien Police Department were able to locate Bourgeois at Darien High School and take him into custody. He was transported to Darien Police Headquarters where he was immediately turned over to Detectives from the Waterbury Police Department. At no time were students at Darien High School at risk.

Given that the arrest warrant originated from the Waterbury Police Department, no further information will be released by this agency. All inquiries in regard to the above matter should be directed to the Waterbury Police Department.

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DHS Principal Ellen Dunn's Email

Here is the full text:

Dear DHS Families,

This afternoon at about 2:30, one of the freshmen lacrosse coaches was taken to the Darien Police Station where he was later arrested by Waterbury Police Officers. We have no further details at this time regarding the arrest. As information becomes available we will share it with you where possible. Coach Brameier has been informed and the coaching staff will be adjusted in order to meet the needs of our student athletes, including staffing tomorrow's contests in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Ellen Dunn

DHS Principal