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Police: Man, 58, a Gun Owner, Threatened Darien Resident on Facebook, Said He'd 'Need a Lot of Body Bags'

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Richard Koproski, a 58-year-old Woodford, Vermont resident, told a family member on Facebook that he would shoot him in the head, and that he has plenty of guns to do it with, among other, similar threats, police said.

A Darien resident came to Police Headquarters and provided officers with printouts of threats Koproski allegedly made against him.

The man said Koproski, who lives near the Darien man's Vermont home, "had been becoming more unpredictable over the years," and he knew Koproski had a collection of firearms, police said.

Those threats led Darien police to get an arrest warrant and notify Vermont state police about it, police said. Vermont state police said they received word on Jan. 18.

- The following information, from news releases from Darien police, [Vermont state police](#) and a Bennington Banner [news report on Jan. 24](#), include accusations not proven in court.

Alleged Threats

Both Darien police and Vermont state police applied for and received warrants to arrest Koproski. (In Vermont, he was charged with being a fugitive from justice because of the Connecticut warrant.)

Descriptions of the warrants give different details about the accusations against Koproski.

In an announcement, Darien police said:

- A review of the threats showed that Koproski made multiple references to having firearms, being upset with various people, and that he would need a lot of body bags.
- Other threats are directed at the complainant specifically, threatening to shoot them in the head and that he has an arsenal of firearms.
- The complainant told officers they felt threatened because Koproski had been becoming more unpredictable over the past few years, and he knew him to own a large number of firearms. The complainant owns a home in Vermont in close proximity to Koproski.

The Vermont affidavit, according to the Bennington Banner article, reported Koproski saying that if the victim came to Koproski's house, it would be "like walking into a grave." Koproski threatened to shoot the victim in the head.

The newspaper also reported:

- "Koproski also bragged about having a weapons 'arsenal' at his home, made references to his shooting skills on social media, and said he cannot need to be held responsible for his actions because of his 'psychotic state,' the affidavit states.
- "The affidavit also indicates Koproski may have been setting up an 'ambush style attack on whoever approaches the residence.'"

In Vermont

Koproski was arrested at 2 p.m. on Jan. 21 at his home and without incident, Vermont state police said.

Appearing the next day in state court in Bennington, Vermont, Koproski said he wouldn't contest extradition, the Bennington Banner reported.

Vermont state police also got a search warrant for Koproski's home in an effort to seize all of his firearms, as requested by a Connecticut judge. (The Bennington Banner had no information on what they found, and the state police news release didn't say.)

In Connecticut

Darien police said Police Department detectives brought Koproski here on Jan. 30, and Koproski appeared in state Superior Court in Stamford.

His bond remains set at \$250,000, and his next court date is March 12, according to the Connecticut Judicial Branch website.

He is charged with first-degree threatening, a felony, and second-degree harassment, a misdemeanor, according to the website.