

Ex-senator faces ballot charges

Bradley accused of changing absentee vote in Bridgeport probate race

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BRIDGEPORT — Already awaiting sentencing on an unrelated federal conviction, ex-state Sen. Dennis Bradley was arrested Tuesday morning following a state investigation into allegations he changed a woman's ab-

sentee ballot vote to support brother Mark Bradley's failed bid for probate judge. Dennis Bradley, a 42-year-old Bridgeport resident, is charged with two counts of illegal possession of absentee ballots and envelopes; being present when an absentee ballot applicant executes an absentee ballot; and unlawfully opening an absentee

ballot, the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice announced in a news release. On Aug. 11 Bridgeport held a Democratic primary election for probate judge between 27-year incumbent Paul Ganim, brother of Mayor Joe Ganim, and Mark Bradley. According to state officials, a complainant contacted both the

Bridgeport Police Department and the State Elections Enforcement Commission, alleging that Dennis Bradley came to her apartment, opened her previously executed absentee ballot, and instructed her how to change her vote from Ganim to Mark Bradley. The SEEC subsequently referred the case to the Office of



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the Chief State's Attorney for further investigation. Dennis Bradley's attorney, Darnell Crossland, confirmed his client's arrest Tuesday "in connection to his work canvassing for the Bradley for Probate Campaign." He said Dennis Bradley turned himself

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Sacred Heart University in Fairfield is shown on Aug. 21. In 2025, there were three reported rapes in on-campus residential facilities at the university, according to reporting federally mandated by the Clery Act.

Over 100 rapes reported last year at colleges in Conn.

Data called 'tiny snapshot' that doesn't tell full story of safety concerns

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More than 100 rapes were reported at Connecticut colleges and universities in 2025, according to recently released campus crime reports. The new annual security reports for more than a dozen colleges and universities statewide show stark differences in the number of reported rapes, but the figures do not necessarily indicate which campuses are safest, or how many assaults actually occurred. Beth Hamilton, executive director of the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual



Fairfield University reported three rapes on campus in 2025.

Violence, a statewide coalition of sexual assault crisis programs, described the federally required reports as a useful

tool but said they are a "tiny snapshot" that does not measure the true prevalence of sexual assaults on college campuses. "It's not actually capturing all the sexual violence that took place on the college campus," she said in an interview with CT Insider. "Many survivors are never going to report that." The reports, federally mandated under the Clery Act that requires colleges and universities to publish campus crime data and safety policies, come as allegations of sexual assault at a Cornell University fraternity house in 2024

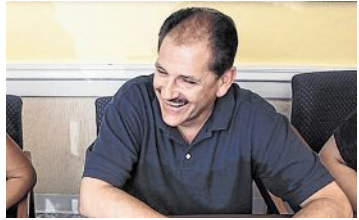
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Fairfield Prep settles sex abuse claim

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FAIRFIELD — Fairfield University has agreed to pay \$1.1 million to a former Fairfield College Preparatory School student who claimed that he was sexually abused by his teacher more than 20 years ago. The agreement was reached in August after the student alleged he was abused between 2001 and 2005, according to Mitchell Garabedian, a Boston-based lawyer known for representing victims of sexual abuse. "By coming forward and reporting the sexual abuse the sexual abuse survivor is a voice for those who cannot come forward

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Milford Redevelopment and Housing Partnership Executive Director Anthony Vasilou in 2006.

Milford housing chief put on leave

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MILFORD — The longtime executive director of the Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership, Anthony Vasilou, has been placed on paid administrative leave pending an investigation, the board chairman said Tuesday. "Right now, there's an ongoing investigation," said Chairman H. Richard Borer Jr. He declined to get into specifics, citing the possibility of future litigation.

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Polling predicts Democratic gains amid backlash against Trump



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It doesn't do him much good to admit it, but Gov. Ned Lamont probably doesn't have too much to worry about in his bid for reelection next month. Polls consistently show him with a healthy lead over his opponent, Republican state Sen. Ryan Fazio, and Connecticut's predisposition toward electing Democrats remains a point in the incumbent governor's favor.

Voters do consistently identify costs as a central concern as they prepare to head to the polls, but, as we've detailed, many of those increases can be blamed not on state leaders but on the national one. Can be, and are: Polling from the Associated Press shows nearly two-thirds of Americans view President Donald Trump as the

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Delegates listen as candidates for governor are nominated during the Republican State Convention in May at the Mohegan Sun Expo Center in Uncasville.

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