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Towns alert property owners of title piracy

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With another “title piracy” try in Connecticut, the state has yet to tackle the issue with any new legislation like New York, Rhode Island and several others — though plenty of towns now offer property fraud alert systems that raise the red flag for owners when thieves attempt to sell their land.

Just over 60 cities and towns in Connecticut offer property fraud alert systems through Info Quick Solutions, a Liverpool, New York-based firm which offers online access to property records in those municipalities. IQS offers its property fraud alert system as a free add-on service for the towns that use its systems for town clerks, according to David Owens, director of product, with more than 15,000

residents in those towns having enrolled and a recent uptick in overall interest.

“We offer it for free just because we think it’s so important,” Owens told CT Insider. “It’s a big burden on everybody if it happens.”

That was the case three years ago for an absentee Fairfield land owner who discovered a house being built on his property on Sky Top Terrace. He sued

multiple firms involved with the transaction, eventually reaching an out-of-court settlement. The land owner cited several Connecticut laws in seeking restitution, including those covering forgery, trespass, statutory theft, “slandering” title to land, and the catchall Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Under existing Connecticut law, taking property with the intent to keep it is a class B felony

if property exceeds \$20,000 in value, with the possibility of a \$15,000 fine and up to 20 years in prison.

The same parameters are in place to punish perpetrators of identity theft, which could apply in many instances in which a fraudster marketed property for sale that they did not hold title to.

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911 calls show Clancy’s ‘extreme atrocity’ in killing of her kids, prosecutors say

By Lisa Backus
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PLYMOUTH, Mass. — Prosecutors want to probe whether former Wallingford resident Lindsay Clancy tied rubber exercise bands around the necks of her children and walked away or stood there and choked each child with the ligatures, according to documents filed in her upcoming murder trial.

In order to examine the question, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz is seeking permission to play the 911 call made by her husband in the upcoming trial of his wife, who is charged in Massachusetts with killing her three kids, according to court documents filed in the case.

Cruz, Second Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Sprague and Assistant District Attorney Shanan Buckingham contend in a motion filed on June 4 that the 911 call is “probative” rather than “prejudicial” since it shows “deliberateness of her acts and the extreme atrocity and cruelty of her acts.”

The children were found with exercise bands around their necks by Clancy’s husband Patrick after he discovered his wife injured on the lawn in January 2023, police said. Two of the children were pronounced dead shortly after and the third, eight-month-old Callen, died days later while hospitalized.

Clancy’s attorney Kevin Reddington has indicated that he will seek an insanity defense as his client was being treated for postpartum depression and other mental health issues when the children died.

Her trial is slated to start in July. She is due back in Plymouth County Superior Court on

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Former Connecticut resident Lindsay Clancy, a Wallingford native, is wheeled into a Massachusetts courtroom. Clancy is accused of killing her three young children and then jumping out a window of their family home in a suicide attempt.

CSCU hires firm to review sexual harassment complaints related to the former chancellor

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The governing board of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system announced Monday that it has selected a firm for an independent investigation into how a sexual harassment complaint that led to the interim chancellor’s resignation was handled.

The CSCU Board of Regents announced in a press release that consulting firm Grand River Solutions will conduct the review related to the sexual harassment case that involved former CSCU Interim Chancellor O. John Maduko allegedly sending sexually explicit messages to an employee, which spurred sharp criticism over whether leaders appropriately handled

the allegations.

“This review will be fair, thorough and independent. It is essential that we fully understand the facts, hear all perspectives — especially from those who came forward — and identify how we can be better in the future and remedy any ongoing harm,” said Ari Santiago, chair of the Board of Regents, in the press release. “Our students,

faculty, staff, and the public deserve transparency and accountability — and they will have it. We are committed to ensuring that anyone who comes forward to report misconduct feels supported and has access to the resources they need.”

The firm, GRS, was selected “for its extensive experience conducting objective reviews in

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MERIDEN

City man charged with sexual assaults of girl in 2015

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NORTH BRANFORD — A Meriden man is accused of sexually assaulting a North Branford juvenile multiple times in 2015, according to a warrant for his arrest.



Ramirez

Oscar Ramirez, 39, was charged with two counts of first-degree sexual assault May 31, following a North Branford police investigation into an

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Weather: Partly sunny and pleasant. High: 78. Low: 59.

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Public school enrollment down nationwide, not in South Windsor

By Natasha Sokoloff
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SOUTH WINDSOR — When the bell rings for lunch, the halls of South Windsor High School quickly flood with students. Zipping backpacks, chattering teenagers and squeaking sneakers against tile create the quintessential high school soundtrack.

Yet these bustling halls signal something increasingly rare in public education today: more students, not fewer.

Follow the flow of high schoolers going about their day and the signs become hard to miss. Teachers share classrooms. Some classes meet in the old elementary school next door because the high school doesn’t have enough room. Electives and sports fill

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South Windsor Schools Superintendent Kate Carter talks on April 21 about the challenges and issues that come with increasing enrollment within the South Windsor Public Schools.



Photos by Jim Shannon/Hearst Connecticut Media

Students fill the hallway as they make their way to their next class at South Windsor High School on April 21. It is one of the issues that comes with increasing enrollment within the South Windsor Public Schools, officials say.

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