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Dave Casey, owner of Perfectly Flavah'd Cafe in East Bridgewater, demonstrates his championship-winning sandwich making prowess on May 6. PHOTOS BY MARK JARRET CHAVOUS/THE ENTERPRISE

Area chef shines at World Food Championships, tops sandwich category

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He looks like a line cook, and he works like an artist. He's a kid from Brockton, and he's one of the best sandwich chefs in the world. His restaurant is a takeout cafe in East Bridgewater, and he finished on the podium at the World Food Championships this April. He is globally renowned, and you'll strain to find an item on his menu for over \$20.

He's Dave Casey, he's the executive chef at Perfectly Flavah'd Cafe, and earlier

this year, he finished third at the World Food Championships after winning the competition's sandwich category last October.

"Perfectly Flavah'd" isn't just some clever twist on local twang. It's a truth, a certain reality. As the Boston accent wanes, Casey's is unrelenting. His Rs turn to AHs with the same naturalness that his pan-burnt hands craft some of the best sandwiches you'll ever have. He's a new wave celebrity chef, the brutally honest type — the unpretentious guy without veneers or

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A Bruschetta Chicken Sandwich from Dave Casey's Perfectly Flavah'd in East Bridgewater on May 6 has grilled chicken breast, basil pesto, sliced tomato, fresh mozzarella, balsamic glaze on an herbed foccacia roll.

DOC lawyer pleads not guilty to child sex charges

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A former attorney for the Massachusetts Department of Correction has been indicted by a Grand Jury on seven child sex crimes, including incest and rape, court records show.

Daniel J. Dufresne was arraigned in Plymouth County Superior Court in Brockton on Wednesday, May 6, on two counts of incest, four counts of aggravated rape of a child and one count of indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or over, according to court records.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges and was released on a \$5,000 cash bail.

The charges stem from accusations made in April 2025 over several alleged incidents that occurred in Middleboro, when the victim was around 5, and in Halifax, when the victim was around 13, prosecutors said.

At his arraignment in Brockton on May 6, Dufresne's defense attorney Joshua Wood requested a judge remove the previously imposed GPS condition, citing serious credibility issues with the alleged victim.

"There are real reasons in this case to be skeptical," Wood said in court May 6. "All of this is based on a single person's allegations," he said, adding that the alleged victim has a long history of mental illness and has made at least four previous false allegations of sexual assault against unrelated individuals.

Wood also said the state's Department of Children and Families opened a full investigation into the allegations in 2025 and found them unsupported.

"This is a case Mr. Dufresne has every reason to come in and fight. He has no criminal history. He was a lawyer, a head of a department of the DOC," Wood said in

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Palestinian leader's son wins role in committee

Ali Sawafta
REUTERS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The millionaire businessman son of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has won a steering role in his father's political party Fatah, a party official said on May 17, as a succession fight looms for control of the embattled Palestinian Authority.

Yasser Abbas won a seat in elections for the Fatah Central Committee, the

party's highest decision-making body, at its first general conference in almost a decade. Mahmoud Abbas, 90, will remain chairman, it decided.

The PA was set up as an interim administration under the 1990s Oslo accords between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, an umbrella group still internationally recognized as the representative of the Palestinian people. The powerful Fatah party dominates both the PA and the PLO.

Abbas' son's foray into politics has fueled speculation that the president may be seeking to position Yasser, 64, to succeed him as head of Fatah.

That has drawn criticism from some Fatah officials, who say Yasser would be unable to unify Palestinians or help them chart a new political future after years without national elections or tangible steps toward statehood.

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Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, center, with his two sons, Yasser, left, and Tarek.

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