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DEEP POND FARM

Owner charged with alleged assault of cop after disturbance

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At a recent event at Deep Pond Farm in Taunton owner George Ghazal was arrested for allegedly assaulting a police officer, according to court documents obtained by the Gazette.

The alleged incident took place on Wednesday, July 29, on the evening of a “midget wrestling” event. Ghazal, reached by phone, told the Gazette, “I have some criminal charges” and that he couldn’t speak about the matter. “I never touched Officer Corrao,” he said, referring to Taunton Police Officer Paul Corrao. “You’ll hear about it next week all

in court.” He later emailed the Gazette to say that he has “no comments at this time.” Police initially responded to the farm due to “a large disturbance” that evening, which required “every unit available in Taunton” as well as officers from

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Dighton woman has died after family dog attack

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An 86-year old woman from Dighton has died after being mauled by the family dog, according to the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office. The incident occurred on the afternoon of Saturday, Aug. 15. Margaret Pacheco, who was at her home on Oak Street with another family member, was attacked by their dog, an Austrian shepherd mix. Dighton police and EMS were dispatched to the home around 2 p.m. Pacheco suffered severe facial injuries and had to be flown to a hospital. Pacheco was pronounced dead on Aug. 17, said Bristol County Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Sowa in an email.

Investigation

Sowa said Pacheco had other “significant medical issues prior to being injured” and the cause of death will be determined after an autopsy is performed by the Rhode Island Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The family dog is presently in the custody of Dighton Animal Control. This matter remains under investigation by the State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney’s Office and the Dighton Police Department.

Fatal dog mauling in same town in 2019

In May 2019, 14-year old Ryan Hazel, from Rehoboth, was mauled to death at 2477 Maple Swamp Road in Dighton by five dogs. The five dogs, all shepherd mixes, were among a total of 11 dogs the property owner at the time kept on his land and trained for professional purposes. Hazel, a student at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School, who had been driven there by a family member, had been hired by the owner of the rural property, to perform chores and check on all the animals, including the dogs, while he was away. All five dogs were euthanized two weeks after the incident. The Bristol DA’s office announced in June 2019, one

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The town plans to replace Raynham’s current fire and police stations on Orchard Street, seen here on Aug. 10, with a new public safety building on the same site. DANIEL SCHEMER/TAUNTON DAILY GAZETTE

What to expect at new police and fire building

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RAYNHAM — This is a long overdue project and “it needs to happen,” said Raynham Planning Board Chair Christopher Gallagher during a hearing where the public was able to see new, updated designs and hear new site plans for the town’s public safety building project. In the summer of 2025 the town had to drastically change long-in-the-works

plans to build a new home for the police and fire departments. Instead of building on undeveloped acreage on King Philip Street, the town is now going to build the new facility on the site of the current combined police and fire station on Orchard Street. At the Aug. 6 Planning Board meeting contracted engineers and architects went over the new designs, an updated timeline and logistics for how this is all going to happen, without disrupting police and fire operations.

Police will temporarily relocate

Chip Heitcamp, project manager for architectural firm Dore+Whittier, said the current plan is to keep the Fire Department on the current site during construction, while the Police Department relocates off-site. Where is the Police Department moving to? The old North School at 53 Baker Road.

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