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A former Vermont State Police trooper appeared in court Thursday and denied 20 criminal charges.

Forty-four-year-old Giancarlo DiGenova, of Essex, resigned amid a probe into alleged thefts from an evidence storage area totaling more than 40-thousand dollars and accusations of illegal purchases of prescription drugs while on duty.

He pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in Chittenden County Superior criminal court in Burlington to 16 misdemeanors and four felony charges. He was released on conditions, including that he be screened for substance use disorder.

If DiGenova is convicted of all the charges, the maximum possible penalty would be 60 years in prison.

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The new Orange County Sheriff says staffing shortages are putting the sheriff's department itself at risk.

After one month on the job Sheriff George Contois admits the transition has not been smooth.

Contois has 50 years in law enforcement, 29 with the Vermont State Police and another two decades at the sheriff's department.

On Wednesday he worked a security shift in court because there simply wasn't anyone else available.

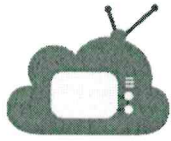
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Contois says he ran for sheriff against his boss to make a difference, but due to budget cuts and job turnover, Contois says he stepped into a shell of a department. He is now looking to hire dispatchers, office personnel, and half a dozen deputies..

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Despite the skeleton crew, Orange County State's Attorney Dickson Corbett says there have been no interruptions to ongoing cases.

Contois says Town Meeting Day could have serious implications for the future, with some towns likely deciding whether to renew contracts with the department.



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Two Vermont State troopers have been placed on paid leave as state police officials investigate reports that troopers made racist and misogynistic comments while playing an online game, while off-duty.

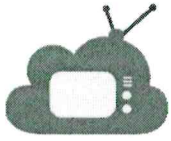
Jennifer Morrison, the commissioner of the Vermont Department of Public Safety, said in a statement on February 9th that state police received a report from state Senator Nader Hashim about the alleged behavior, which was reported to him by a constituent who was relaying an anonymous complaint.

Morrison said the initial information didn't include enough detail to open an investigation but after more information was received an investigation was started.

Morrison said she was unable to comment on the allegations due to the confidentiality requirements surrounding internal investigations.

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A South Royalton man is accused of pointing a gun at another man and threatening to carry out a shooting at a police department.

22-year old Matthew David Bashaw, pleaded not guilty last Tuesday in Washington County court in Barre to several charges including aggravated assault and stalking.

He was ordered held without bail pending a weight-of-the-evidence hearing and is currently housed at the state Correctional Complex in St. Johnsbury.

Officer Brittany Lewis, of the Barre City police, said a caller reported on February 18th that Bashaw had pointed a gun at someone at the apartment complex. She said another witness reported he saw Bashaw pull a gun during the altercation and point it at another male before leaving the scene.

Lewis said the victim reported Bashaw tried to hit his vehicle with Bashaw's vehicle while they were driving to Green Acres from the store.

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The Northfield police chief has announced his retirement following backlash to several public comments he recently made.

The Town Manager of Northfield accepted a letter of retirement from Northfield Police Chief John Helfant, with his retirement effective May 6.

The Northfield Select Board issued a statement on Tuesday, saying in part that members of the community have felt that trust in the town's employees has been diminished.

The statement referenced a series of public comments Helfant made, including ones on school locker room policy and about a school's decision to fly a Black Lives Matter flag.

The statement read, in part:

"The Town recognizes that absent other compelling circumstances, the First Amendment allows Town employees to speak as private citizens on matters of public concern. The Town respects its employees' desire to stay informed on local, state, and national affairs. However, the views and opinions expressed by Town employees in this regard are their own and are not the views and opinions of the Town.

"We want to take this opportunity to reiterate our focus on and dedication to ensuring that all members of our community can live and thrive here, free from discrimination. We are committed to having an unbiased and discrimination-free municipal government. The Town has taken recent steps in furtherance of that commitment, including making our Declaration of Inclusion and preparing to institute Diversity, Equity & Inclusion training for all Town employees.

Town Manager Jeff Shulz said he will begin a search for a new police chief shortly.

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Two Vermont State Police troopers assigned to the Westminster barracks have been placed on paid leave while the department investigates reports of a possible unprofessional conduct while off duty.

The Times-Argus reports Public Safety Commissioner Jennifer Morrison placed State Troopers Nathan Jensen and Nathan Greco on paid administrative leave on Feb. 15th.

State Police hired Jensen in July 2018 and Greco in October 2021, after graduation from the police academy. Both were assigned to the Westminster barracks, which covers southeastern Vermont.

The paid leaves come amid an internal investigation that was sparked in part by a tip on Feb. 6 by Vermont Sen. Nader Hashim, D-Windham, from an anonymous source. The unnamed tipster maintained a group of unidentified Vermont State Police troopers had used racist, misogynistic and otherwise offensive language while playing an online game while off duty.

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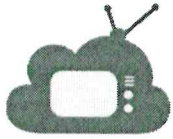
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Two Vermont police officers have been decertified after a unanimous vote by the Vermont Criminal Justice Council.

In February 2020, a Winooski police officer, Christopher Matott, was alleged to have committed criminal conduct involving domestic violence laws, prompting an internal investigation. As a result, Matott was discharged from the Winooski Police Department in March 2020 and is no longer in law enforcement.

Separately, in October 2020, a Manchester police officer, Christopher Mason, was alleged to have committed the same crime as Matott. This prompted an internal investigation and a separate criminal investigation by an investigator of the Dover Police Department. Mason resigned from Manchester Police Department in November 2020.

Both cases reached a resolution establishing both officers committed violations. The Vermont Criminal Justice Council met Tuesday and voted unanimously to approve the Stipulation and Consent Orders. Both officers will be reported to the National Decertification Index.

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