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Professor is accused of threat, jailed

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FORT WORTH -- A tenured professor of psychology at TCU was being held in the Tarrant County Jail without bail Wednesday night, accused of threatening people and hinting about bringing a submachine gun on campus.

Charles Frederick Bond Jr., 53, was arrested at his Fort Worth home Friday and later charged with making a terroristic threat, a class B misdemeanor. A psychologist is expected to evaluate him today in jail, officials said, and a hearing scheduled for Tuesday will determine the conditions of his bail.

In a news release, Texas Christian University officials said: "A professor of psychology, Dr. Charles Bond, has exhibited extremely inappropriate conduct and made threatening remarks to some campus members. Because safety is a top priority at the institution, the TCU Police Department took action and prepared an arrest warrant for Dr. Bond."

According to a Fort Worth police incident report, TCU police obtained a "harassment" warrant for Bond's arrest Friday, and Fort Worth officers met them at Bond's home to assist. When officers knocked on the door and spoke with Bond's wife, she indicated that her husband was in the bedroom, the report said.

"We went in with the knowledge from the warrant affidavit that [Bond] may have a gun, namely an Uzi, that he had hinted to bringing on campus," the report said. Bond "was allowed to put on some clothes and use the restroom before being placed in handcuffs."

Tim Clancy, one of Bond's attorneys, said: "Our viewpoint is that he is charged with terroristic threat but he has not committed terroristic threat. We believe he is innocent of these charges. We feel he is not a threat to himself or the community, and we are optimistic that the case will be resolved."

Clancy is representing Bond with Patrick McLain.

Assistant District Attorney Sylvia Mandel, who evaluates criminal cases in which mental health is potentially an issue, said: "I'm not allowed to comment on any of the facts that form the basis of this allegation, and it is still under investigation."

A photo of Bond was attached to the TCU news release, which was sent out about 4 p.m. Wednesday. The release said that Bond is on administrative leave and is not allowed on campus.

According to information about Bond on TCU's Web site and articles in various publications, he has taught for 28 years, specializing in general psychology, social psychology and research methods. His area of research is deception and lying, which has drawn interest from the FBI and CIA.

Clancy said his client has been at TCU for more than 20 years, has an exemplary record, has no criminal history and is not a threat.

"At this point, we are concerned about getting him out on bond and getting the case resolved as quickly as possible," Clancy said. "The district attorney's office's main concern is the community; ours is the best interest of our client."

"If we can reach an agreement, we will do so. If we can't, there may have to be a trial."



TCU Professor Accused of Making Threats Via E-mail Released on Bail

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FOX NEWS

A respected [Texas Christian University](#) psychology professor who is accused of making terroristic threats directed at the school's faculty has been released from jail a month after he was found incompetent to stand trial.

Charles Frederick Bond, who was arrested and charged last month for allegedly saying in e-mails sent to two school officials that he would take a submachine gun to campus, was released from jail on Wednesday after his wife posted \$4,000 in bail, one of his two attorneys, **Tim Clancy**, told FOXNews.com.

Bond, 54, had previously been held without bail because an authorities' assessment of his mental health back on June 12 revealed that he was incompetent to stand trial. He was immediately committed to a mental health facility for further evaluation.

But while he was in the Tarrant County Jail waiting for room at a facility, he received medical treatment and regained competency, Clancy said.

Clancy said that Bond has been ordered by a judge to wear both a GPS ankle monitor, which allows probation officers to track his whereabouts via satellite, and a SCRAM unit, which monitors his blood alcohol level.

Bond was also banned from having any contact with TCU employees and students and was not permitted on campus.

"[Bond] is free to go about his business inside Fort Worth as he pleases," Clancy told FOXNews.com. "He is just not allowed get in touch with anyone at the university."

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney **Sylvia Mandel** said that although she did not oppose Bond's attorneys' request for bail, she "just wanted to make sure there were sufficient safeguards in place to protect, at a minimum, the people at TCU."

Bond's other attorney, **Patrick McLain**, said Bond is not dangerous and that TCU officials have been feeding the judge "a bucket full of baloney."

McClain said Bond's e-mails to TCU officials were misinterpreted and that he never threatened to bring an Uzi to campus. Bond was trying to warn the faculty about another colleague, McClain said.

One of the e-mails, which included a misspelling, asked, "Is it possible a sexist could snap and bring an ouzi gun on the TCU campus?"

McClain said that Bond, who allegedly called the college provost a "sexist pig" last month after refusing to obey an order from the college to stop sending threatening e-mails to campus employees, believed that one of his colleagues was a sexist who had been sexually harassing students and torturing lab animals and that the administration was trying to cover it up.

"There is only one villain in this thing, and that is the inept, self-serving TCU administration," McClain told the Associated Press. "This is a man's freedom. This is a man's reputation. This is a man's livelihood."

Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication for TCU, declined to respond to McClain's comments.

In a statement, TCU said that campus police and administrators would continue to monitor the situation.

It also said that campus security measures had been added, though Syler-Jones declined to clarify what those measures were because "doing so would compromise those measures."

Bond, a tenured professor who has taught at TCU for more than 20 years, continues to be on administrative leave.

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Professor found competent, released on bail

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FORT WORTH -- A TCU psychology professor accused of sending harassing e-mails and making alarming statements to school officials and co-workers was released Wednesday morning after spending about seven weeks in jail.

Charles Frederick Bond, who had been held without bail because of authorities' assessment of his mental health, posted \$3,500 bail and was given a list of rules by Judge Brent Carr.

Last month, Bond was found incompetent to stand trial and was committed to a mental-health facility.

While he was in the Tarrant County Jail waiting for a bed to open at a facility, however, he received treatment and regained competency, according to officials and court documents.

This week, defense attorneys asked the judge to release Bond while he awaits trial. "As the law and the Constitution provides, he was entitled to" bail, said prosecutor Sylvia Mandel, who is handling the case with Mark Thielman.

"We just wanted to make sure there were sufficient safeguards in place to protect, at a minimum, the people at TCU,"

According to court documents, Carr ordered Bond, 54, to wear a monitor that allows probation officers to track him by satellite. Bond is not to drink alcoholic beverages and must have a breath-testing device attached to his phone line.

Bond, who is on administrative leave from Texas Christian University, is prohibited from having contact with employees or students.

He must participate in all prescribed psychiatric and alcohol treatment programs, among other things.

Bond's attorney, Patrick McLain, who is handling the case with Tim Clancy, called the bail conditions strict.

Bond is not dangerous, and TCU officials have been feeding the judge "a bucket full of baloney," McClain said.

"There is only one villain in this thing, and that is the inept, self-serving TCU administration," McClain said. "This is just a great marketing ploy to say, 'Send your kids to TCU because we are safer than Virginia Tech' [where a student killed 32 people and himself in April]."

"This is a man's freedom; this is a man's reputation; this is a man's livelihood."

Tracy Syler-Jones, a TCU spokeswoman, declined to respond to McClain's comments. She instead e-mailed this statement: "The TCU Police Department and campus administrators will continue to monitor this situation and assist authorities as needed. Safety is a top priority at TCU. To that end, appropriate campus security measures have been added."

Bond is a tenured professor who has taught at TCU for more than 20 years. He is charged with two cases of making terroristic threats, one of them a felony.

According to an arrest warrant affidavit, he is accused of making alarming statements and sending disturbing e-mails to a number of TCU co-workers. One of the e-mails, which included a misspelling, asked, "Is it possible a sexist could snap and bring an ouzi gun on the TCU campus?"

McClain said TCU officials have made it sound as though Bond was threatening to bring an Uzi to campus and shoot someone.

In reality, McClain said, Bond was trying to warn the faculty about another colleague.

McClain said Bond believes that his colleague is a sexist who had been sexually harassing students and torturing lab animals and that the administration was attempting to cover it up.

"He isn't making a threat to anyone," McClain said. "He made innocent communications about the dangerousness of another professor."

The Tarrant County district attorney's office has not presented the felony case to a grand jury, and no trial date has been set.

Bond was arrested June 1 and held without bail until June 12, when the judge ruled that Bond was incompetent to stand trial and should be committed to a mental-health facility for up to 120 days. Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed that it was the best plan for Bond, who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, mixed-personality disorder and alcoholism, according to court documents.

On July 7, Bond's attorneys had him examined by forensic psychiatrist Richard Richoux, who reported that Bond had regained competency and could assist in his defense. Richoux also determined that Bond was not "a risk of violence or dangerousness to the community."

Later, Bond was re-examined by forensic psychologist Kelly Goodness, who agreed that Bond was competent.

McClain said Bond was in solitary confinement for seven weeks because he was considered a high-profile inmate.

He described Bond as stoic.

"He is hanging in there," McClain said. "He has now realized this is going to be a long-haul process. His employer has done a number on him."

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"Charges against TCU Professor Dismissed"

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FORT WORTH -- A TCU psychology professor is no longer facing criminal prosecution on accusations that he sent harassing e-mails and made alarming statements to university officials and co-workers last year.

Two charges of terroristic threat were dismissed against Charles Frederick Bond on Thursday after the 54-year-old professor successfully completed the Mental Health Court Diversion Program.

Bond has been on administrative leave from the university since his arrest.

The program is designed to take mentally impaired offenders out of the traditional criminal justice system and put them into a treatment program designed to their needs.

"I am extremely happy things went well," said Bond's attorney Patrick McLain, who represented Bond with **Tim Clancy**. "Even in an unfortunate situation, you can get things sorted out once cool heads prevail, and I think that is what happened."

Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Leticia Martinez, who oversees the program for the district attorney's office, said Bond was an ideal candidate because he had a mental health history but no criminal history.

"When the commission of a crime seems to be related to mental health, that is the issue you want to address," Martinez said.

Alarming Statements

A tenured professor who taught at Texas Christian University for more than 20 years, Bond was arrested June 1, 2007, after he was accused of making alarming statements and sending disturbing e-mails to a number of co-workers.

One of the e-mails, which included a misspelling, asked "Is it possible a sexist could snap and bring an ouzi gun on the TCU campus?"

Bond's attorneys maintained that their client was not dangerous but rather a man making incoherent statements after having a bad reaction to prescribed medication.

"He was taking medication that was worsening his health rather than improving his health," McLain said. "He is a pretty famous psychologist. He is an expert in lying and deception and trains agents of the federal government. But he is not a guy that treats and prescribes drugs. That is not his expertise."

McLain has said TCU police made it sound as though Bond was threatening to bring an Uzi to campus and shoot someone. In reality, McLain said, Bond was trying to warn the faculty about a colleague who he believed was a sexist who had been sexually harassing students and torturing lab animals, and that the administration was attempting to cover it up. "He wasn't making sense," McLain said.

A Treatment Plan

After his arrest, Bond was found incompetent to stand trial and was committed to a mental-health facility. At the time, prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed that it was the best plan for Bond, who was diagnosed with bipolar and mixed personality disorder, according to court documents.

While he was in the Tarrant County Jail waiting for placement in a facility, Bond received treatment, and two forensic psychologists determined that he had regained competency, according to officials and court documents. He was later released on bail. McLain said he informed the judge and prosecutors that his client's erratic behavior was caused by a bad reaction to medication. He said the judge and prosecutors had an obligation to ensure the public's safety and that everyone agreed that Bond should be placed in the program.

Bond was part of the judicially supervised program for about a year. He was given a treatment plan and was required to report to a probation officer, officials said. The judge and attorneys also received periodic progress updates.

Officials said that if program participants do not comply, prosecutors can withdraw the diversion program agreement and the case will be sent back to court. If they successfully complete the program, as Bond did, charges will be dismissed, although the arrest will remain on record.

Bond's status at the university was unclear Tuesday.

"This is a personnel issue and therefore a private matter, so we cannot discuss his status with the university," said Shawn Kornegay, a TCU spokeswoman.

Bond has also retained civil attorney Charla Aldous, who declined to comment Tuesday. Aldous said she had spoken to her client on Tuesday and said he also would not comment.

Arrested psychology professor may have charges dropped

By: Megan Mowery

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A psychology professor who was jailed in June is in a mental health program, and if the program is completed, his case could be dismissed, his attorneys said.

Charles Frederick Bond Jr. was arrested in June on a misdemeanor charge of making a terroristic threat after police said he sent threatening e-mails to TCU staff members, said Mark Thielman, a prosecutor with the Tarrant County District Attorney's office. The district attorney's office later added a felony charge of making a terroristic threat because of the number of people threatened by the e-mails, Thielman said.

In September, Bond was accepted into the Tarrant County Mental Health Court Diversion Program, which allows defendants with a mental illness to receive treatment through Tarrant County, said Tim Clancy, one of Bond's attorneys.

Clancy said Bond, 54, wasn't threatening anyone with his e-mails and was trying to warn administrators about another faculty member.

According to court documents, while Bond was sending threats to staff members, he was suffering from bipolar I disorder, which includes suffering from manic episodes with psychotic features and mixed personality disorder.

"The Mental Health Court Diversion Program is for people we believe are not generally criminal," said Sylvia Mandel, a prosecutor in the Tarrant County District Attorney's office who deals with mental health issues.

The district attorney will not prosecute Bond while he is in the program because it is an alternative to prosecution, Clancy said.

Bond will meet with a committee composed of health officials, a defense attorney, a prosecutor and a judge, Clancy said.

Bond will be admitted into the program for an indefinite period because treatments are based on Bond's needs, Clancy said.

If Bond completes the program, his case will be dismissed, and he will have the right to have his record expunged, Clancy said.

Tracy Syler-Jones, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication, declined to comment about Bond because it is a personnel matter, but she did confirm he is on administrative leave from the university.