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PITTSBURGH MAN CHARGED WITH HARASSING LOCAL TELEVISION NEWS ANCHOR ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING CONDITIONS OF BOND

Pittsburgh PA ---- Sheriff Kevin M. Kraus announced today that a Pittsburgh man, charged with harassing a local television news anchor, has been taken into custody for violating conditions of his bond.

59-year-old Phillip Franks was charged in March of this year with harassment of a local female television news anchor that dates back to 2020. Franks, according to information from the victim, has continued this course of conduct leading to the current charge.

Franks was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on the harassment charge last month, but at a hearing earlier today, it was determined that Franks failure to appear in court was in violation of the conditions of his bond and Judge Edward Borkowski issued a bench warrant for his arrest.

Earlier tonight, detectives from our office located Franks at his residence on Penn Avenue, took him into custody without incident and transported him to the Allegheny County Jail.

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