

Bail agent arrested for threats

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NEW KENT COUNTY, Va. (WAVY) - A licensed Virginia bail agent was arrested Thursday for allegedly threatening judicial officers.

According to the [Criminal Justice Reform Coalition \(CJRC\)](#), Vincent D. Rera was arrested on charges of extortion, stalking, and threatening to maim or kill government officials.

Rera was taken into custody on warrants from New Kent County and is being held at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail without bond.

The CJRC joins the Unity Bail Alliance, the state association of Virginia bail agents, in calling for an investigation into whether or not Rera's bail bond license should have been previously suspended or revoked. The issue is a regulatory one and is independent of court action.

Rera was previously charged with crimes involving threats of violence in the course of conducting business as a bail agent, according to the CJRC.

In addition, several complaints within the bail industry have been filed with the [Department of Criminal Justice Services](#) about Rera over the past two years.

As of Friday at 10 a.m., Rera was still a licensed bail bondsman in Virginia. Technically, Rera could post bond for the release of his cell mate. The bail industry is advocating for a change in the criminal justice system.