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Man suspected of stalking officials

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JAMES CITY — A local bail bondsman is behind bars after allegedly stalking and threatening court officials.

Vincent D. Rera, 50, was taken into custody without incident Thursday in the 6400 block of Richmond Road. Rera owns Gladiator Bail Bonds.

He is charged with two felony counts of making threats of death or bodily injury to a person, and one misdemeanor count of stalking, according to Virginia State Police Public Information Officer Sgt. Thomas J. Molnar.

The arrest comes after special agents received a complaint from the Department of Judicial Services of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The complaint alleged that Rera stalked and made threats of death or bodily injury to judges and a magistrate in New Kent County between December and January.

The Criminal Justice Reform Coalition issued a statement Thursday that is “calling for an investigation into whether or not Rera’s bail bond license should have been previously suspended or revoked.”

The coalition added, “Rera has previously been charged with crimes involving threats or violence in the course of conducting business as a bail agent.”

Rera was held without bond pending his arraignment. No court date has been set.

The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the New Kent County Sheriff's Office and the FBI. -Daily Press

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