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‘The finding of contempt is a consequence of . . . intentional and egregious violations.’

JUDGE MARK SUMMERVILLE

ICE agent held in contempt over detention of defendant

By Dan Glaun
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A Boston Municipal Court judge held a federal immigration agent in contempt Monday for detaining a defendant in the middle of his trial, in the latest clash between the local criminal justice system and authorities implementing President Trump's orders to conduct mass deportations of immigrants.

Judge Mark Summerville is-

sued the contempt finding during an extraordinary hearing Monday morning, as he conducted an inquiry into the circumstances of Wilson Martell-Lebron's detention on Thursday. The judge accused ICE agent Brian Sullivan of violating Martell-Lebron's rights to due process and a fair trial and referred the case to the Suffolk district attorney's office for investigation

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US to review Harvard funds, ramping up Ivy League fight

Citing antisemitism, Trump administration targets \$9b; university warns of dire fallout

By Mike Damiano and Hilary Burns
GLOBE STAFF

The Trump administration announced Monday it will “review” nearly \$9 billion in federal funding for Harvard University and its affiliates, such as area hospitals, in an effort to “root out antisemitism,” according to the government's antisemitism task force.

The announcement comes 10 days after the task force secured extraordinary con-

cessions from Columbia University in a similar review that placed nearly \$5 billion of that school's federal funding at risk.

Directly targeting Harvard is a significant escalation in the Trump administration's crackdown on elite universities and what it describes as their failure to protect Jewish students from antisemitism and harassment. That campaign also includes arresting and threatening to deport interna-

tional students linked to the pro-Palestinian campus movement, such as a Tufts University graduate student who was arrested in Somerville last week.

In a message to the campus community Monday night, Harvard president Alan Garber said the government's review targets “almost \$9 billion in support of research.”

“If this funding is stopped, it will halt life-saving research and imperil important scientific research and innovation,” he said.

The task force said it will review more than \$255 million in federal contracts with

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ERIN CLARK/GLOBE STAFF FILE

Guster helped PorchFest organizers set an attendance record last year in Somerville. The band will not be playing this year.

Unpacking popular PorchFest

Take note, Somerville performers, major streets now off limits

By Spencer Buell
GLOBE STAFF

SOMERVILLE — When it started in 2011, PorchFest was all about thinking small.

Local small-time musicians banded together, planning to step out on their porches and play some songs for listeners, who

strolled around to hear what their neighbors could do with an acoustic guitar, or a few amps and a drum set.

Somerville's cultural council helped organize it but largely stayed out of the way, giving things a handmade feel that was at home in the art-y enclave.

Then PorchFest got big. And bigger still.

Now as musicians of all kinds — brass ensembles, classical quartets, raucous cover bands — apply to perform at the daylong festival set for May 10, they're being told to expect big changes this time around.

The city is rolling out new guardrails for the event — at which artists take the stage on

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Prosecutor, examiner split on Birchmore

Death certificate still asserts suicide despite federal homicide charge

By Laura Crimaldi
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The federal government alleges a former Stoughton police detective murdered Sandra Birchmore, but seven months after his indictment, her death certificate still says that she died by suicide.

That's because the Massachusetts medical examiner stands by its finding that Birchmore took her own life and has declined to change the manner of her death on her death certificate.

That official cause of death could become a legal complication in the prosecution of the former detective, Matthew G. Farwell, 39, according to analysts, with the possibility the medical examiner becomes a key witness in Farwell's defense and encounters pointed questioning from federal prosecutors.

“This case might really come down to a battle of the experts,” said Daniel S. Medwed, professor of law and criminal justice at Northeastern University School of Law.

The state medical examiner has not changed the death certificate even after meeting with the FBI's expert and federal prosecutors about the case a little more than one week before Farwell was arrested, according to visitor logs from the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

Farwell has pleaded not guilty to the charge of killing a witness.

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The retrial of Karen Read is set to begin,

nine months after a jury deadlocked and three years after the body of her boyfriend, a Boston police officer, was found in a snowbank. **B1.**

The Sox and pitching ace Garrett Crochet reportedly agreed to a six-year, \$170 million contract. **C1.**

Developer Thomas O'Brien decided not to run for mayor of Boston after all. **B1.**



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Seeking legal help, immigrants get trapped in notaries scams

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Two years ago, Nathaly Sanchez fled an abusive relationship in the Dominican Republic and found a new home in Lawrence. She needed help with paperwork on her asylum case to preserve her immigration status, so the 29-year-old did what she would normally do back in her native country: She called a “notario” — a notary.

His website advertised a range of immigration services. He charged her \$2,500. But after a year and a half, he

had little to tell her other than “get married.”

“He never had anything valuable to say about my case,” she said in Spanish. “He lied to me.”

It's a linguistic difference that con artists have taken advantage of for decades. In many Latin American countries, notarios essentially work as lawyers and are able to give legal advice and prepare legal documents. But in the United States, notaries can give only limited legal advice and, more impor-

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AT THE OL' (WRECKING) BALL GAME — A torn Marty Barrett banner remained outside what's left of McCoy Stadium. Demolition crews have been dismantling the ballpark in Pawtucket, R.I. **B1.**

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