

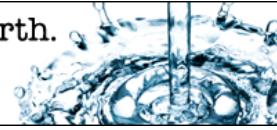
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**Professor found competent, released on bail**

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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 did not oppose it," she said. "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 McClain, 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.



CHARLES FREDERICK BOND

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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.

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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 didn't make a threat to anyone," McClain said. "He made incoherent 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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