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WESTCHESTER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO 15 COUNTS OF UNLAWFUL SURVEILLANCE AT MARIST UNIVERSITY

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi announced today that Kyle Petrozzi, 23, pleaded guilty to 15 counts of Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree, all Class E Felonies, in Dutchess County Court.

District Attorney Anthony Parisi stated, “The defendant’s actions represented a serious and disturbing invasion of privacy and a violation of the trust and sense of security that every person deserves, particularly in places where privacy is expected. By secretly recording individuals without their knowledge or consent, the defendant victimized multiple people and caused understandable fear and distress. This guilty plea holds the defendant accountable for his conduct and reflects our Office’s commitment to protecting victims and prosecuting crimes involving unlawful surveillance and exploitation. I want to thank the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and Marist University officials for their diligent work and cooperation in in this case.”

The incidents occurred over a period between April 27 and May 10, 2025 at Marist University. Petrozzi, who was enrolled as a senior, admitted to setting up surveillance cameras in gender neutral bathrooms throughout Dyson Hall for no legitimate purpose. Several people, both men and women, were filmed inside the bathrooms without their knowledge. Petrozzi was set to graduate in May 2025 but was expelled due to the allegations.

The case was investigated by the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department and is being prosecuted by Deputy Unit Chief Nicholas LaStella with the Special Victims Unit. The Honorable Jessica Segal is presiding over the case and set sentencing for September 16, 2026.

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