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Lamont: 'We're ready' if NHL calls again

By Emily DiSalvo
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HARTFORD — The Arizona Coyotes may be forced to relocate if a land auction scheduled for June fails,

and Gov. Ned Lamont said Connecticut's capital is ready to become their new home.

While it is still unclear whether the NHL team will need to relocate and if so, where, Hartford has been without a

NHL team since the Hartford Whalers left the city in 1997.

"We're ready," Lamont said. "We're ready to do XL."

Lamont said a few months ago. he
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Former cop accused of burglary spree faces local charges

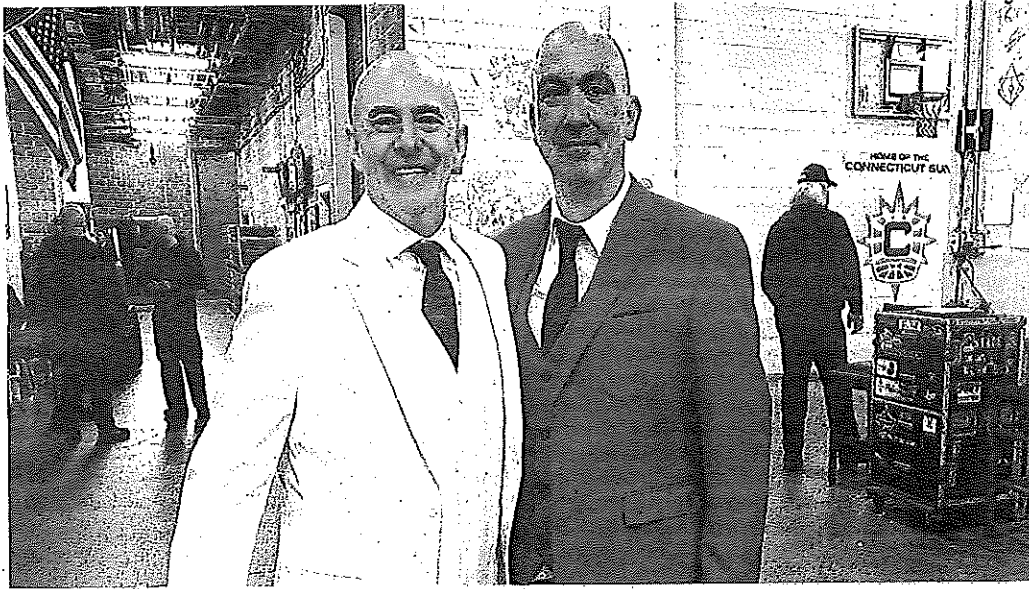
By Christine Dempsey
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Patrick Hemingway, the former Glastonbury police officer who has been charged in serial burglaries, faces theft charges in two more towns, South Windsor and Manchester.

South Windsor police said Monday that Hemingway, 37, has been charged with third-degree burglary and third-degree criminal mischief for a break-in at The Mill on the River restaurant on April 24, 2023.

Hemingway damaged an exterior door
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State title tailoring



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Somers head coach Jason Fenlason was sporting an all-white suit and assistant coach Tony Giuggio wore the all-red suit Sunday for Somers' CIAC Class S championship game against Thomaston at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Why Somers coaches wore red and white suits for girls basketball final

By Scott Ericson
STAFF WRITER

UNCASVILLE — No, the Somers girls basketball coaches weren't channeling their inner John Travolta from the 1977 movie "Saturday Night Fever" on Sunday at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

It was just a coincidence that 1977 was also the

last time Somers won a state title in girls basketball.

Head coach Jason Fenlason sported an all white suit with a red tie and assistant coach Tony Giuggio busted out the all red suit with a black tie for Somers CIAC Class S championship game.

The fashion choice was already a winner, but Somers 56-43 win over Thomaston for the school's
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first championship since 1977 added an exclamation point.

The coaches said the look was actually inspired by the red and white suits Rick Pitino wore coaching at Louisville and now St. John's.

It started in jest, but turned into a way to help relax the players before the game.

"It started off as a joke for the semifinals. I said if we win, I will wear the red suit and Jason (Fenlason) would wear the Rick Pitino white," Guiggio said. The AD basically threatened our jobs if we didn't wear them today."

The suits were not easy to find, the coaches said. They spent part of the week between the semifinal and championship game procuring the natty attire.

"We were scrambling all week to get this stuff. Men's Wearhouse doesn't carry this in March. So, we were begging, borrowing and stealing and we ended up with Amazon suits," Fenlason said. "We were trying to take some of the pressure off

the kids and let them laugh at us and have some fun with it, because you may never get back."

That ploy worked. The players first got an eyeful of the suits before boarding the bus to Mohegan Sun on Sunday morning, when they compared them to a movie from the 1990s not the '70s

"I love the suits. I think they gave us the extra energy to win today," said Somers junior forward Sydney Cassidy, who had 16 points and 10 rebounds in the win. "We saw them at the school this morning and it was like, 'oh my god,' I thought they looked like Dumb and Dumber."

Fenlason loved Cassidy's assessment.

"Sydney is not wrong, it fits the two of us," Fenlason said. "The kids laughed at us completely. And rightfully so. They knew we were doing it, but they didn't quite know the look we were going to go for."

The players and coaches were still laughing about the suits when they walked under the stands of the arena back to board their bus home. This time while carrying their medals and championship plaque.



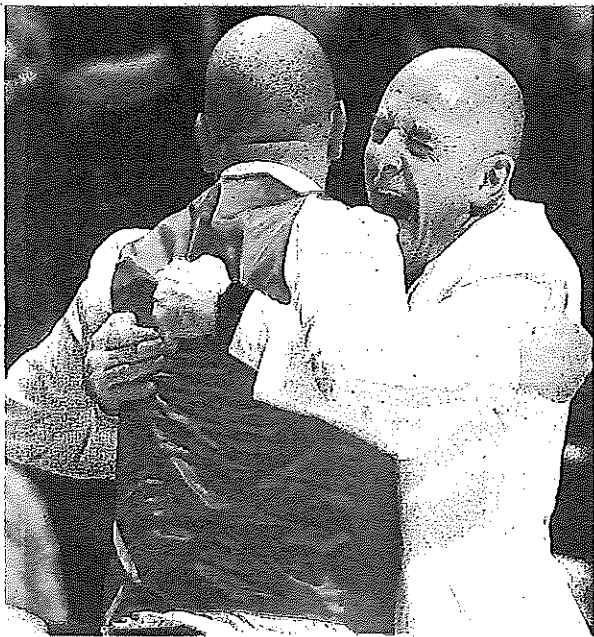
Somers players and coaches celebrate their victory Sunday over Thomaston in the CIAC Girls Class L Championship at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

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Somers Assistant Coach Tony Guiggio, left, and Coach Jason Fenlason celebrate Somers' victory over Thomaston.

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