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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**State's Attorney J. Hanley**

Winnebago County State's Attorney J. Hanley announces that on December 7, 2022, **Anthony R. Seminerio (DOB: 5/29/1975)** was sentenced to 30 months probation by the Honorable Judge Roe for two counts of the offense of Hate Crime (Class 4 Felony), Violation of a No Stalking Order (Class A Misdemeanor) and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (Class A Misdemeanor).

On June 17, 2021, Seminerio repeatedly sent text messages to the victims regarding a disagreement over construction at one of the victim's residence. In the text messages, Seminerio made statements regarding the victims' race and ancestry. The victims repeatedly asked Seminerio to stop texting, but he continued to send harassing messages about their race.

On June 23, 2021, Seminerio violated a Stalking-No Contact order that was obtained by one of the victims by coming within 300 feet of the victim's residence.

Seminerio is required to report to a probation offer, not possess any firearms or dangerous weapons, not consume alcohol or drugs, submit to random urinalysis, attend a victim impact panel, cooperate and satisfactorily complete any assessments including substance abuse, DUI evaluation and individual counseling, work or pursue a course of study or vocational training, perform 200 hours of public service work, have no contact with the victims, complete an education programming discouraging hate crime, 180 days in jail stayed, and wear a Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring device until further of court.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department conducted the investigations into these cases. Assistant State's Attorney Taylor Nesbit handled the prosecution.

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