

'Someone kill this piece of sh--' wrote a man about Rep. Becker. Now the case is in court

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Rep. John Becker (Photo11: Provided)

Ohio State Republican Rep. John Becker was in court Tuesday to testify against a Columbus man who he said used social media to call for his “assassination.”

Becker said he discovered the threat after receiving a friend request on Facebook from Jacob IceeJake Bragg. He gets many friend requests, the representative said. Before acting on them, he said he always looks at the requester’s page.

When Becker landed on Bragg’s page, he said he found a call for his assassination.

“It’s still up there today,” Becker said Feb. 19. Since this story originally published, the post has been removed or the settings for who can view it changed.

“Someone please kill this piece of sh--. Y’all want me to believe in a government where people like this are in power?” reads the post.

Becker said the post included a link to a story that included comments from him regarding the use of a Taser by Cincinnati Police Officer Kevin Brown against an 11-year-old girl.

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For the story, Becker said he expressed support for the officer, but not for the use of a Taser against a child. The story took his comments “out of context,” he said.

This post may contain offensive language:



Image of Facebook post from the account of Jacob IceeJake Bragg (Photo11: Facebook)

“My first thought was I was alarmed,” Becker said of seeing the Facebook post. “I never had someone call for my assassination before. I get threats all the time.”

Becker said he shared the post with the Union Township Police Department in Clermont County. Jacob A. Bragg was arrested by Columbus Police.

Last October a Clermont County grand jury indicted Bragg on a charge of telecommunications harassment, a misdemeanor offense. According to the indictment, around Sept. 15, 2018, Bragg posted an online statement for the purpose of “abusing, threatening, or harassing another person.”



Jerry McBride (*Photo11: Provided*)

The case opened Feb. 19 as a bench trial before Clermont County Common Pleas Judge Jerry McBride. As a bench trial, McBride will determine the outcome.

As of Feb. 22, McBride had not filed a decision, according to a court clerk.

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