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Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Press Release

On May 20, 2026, Michael Wessel pled guilty to one count of Intimidation of an Attorney, Victim, or Witness in a Criminal Case, a felony of the third degree; and one count of Aggravated Menacing, a misdemeanor of the first degree.

In February 2026, Wessel had a pending traffic case in Celina Municipal Court. After missing a scheduled pretrial, Wessel called the Celina municipal prosecutor and threatened harm to the prosecutor and his administrative assistant. Wessel called approximately 92 times and left 9 voicemails, even after Celina Police Department had warned him to stop calling.

Wessel also made several calls to Celina Police Department dispatch. In total, Wessel called dispatch 28 times. Several of those calls were made after Wessel had been warned to stop calling.

As part of his plea, the State dismissed the remaining counts in the indictment and reserved the right to argue for prison at sentencing. Wessel's sentencing will take place on July 8th. He faces up to 36 months in prison for the felony of the third degree and a \$10,000 fine. For the misdemeanor, he faces 180 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

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