



Dear Fairfielders,

I'm writing to inform you of your opportunity to file victim impact statements for three of the defendants in the Town's fill pile criminal case: Jason Julian, Emmet Hibson, and Brian Carey.

To recap:

The Town of Fairfield hired a contractor, Julian Development, to operate the Town's fill pile and reduce the amount of unused project material on the site. After several years, it was discovered that the fill pile had more than tripled in size—from 30,000 cubic yards to approximately 107,000 cubic yards— and that the company had accepted contaminated fill, including toxins such as PCBs, lead, asbestos, and other hazardous material. The criminal investigation discovered that the contaminated fill was subsequently used at more than 40 sites in Town and was used under the foundation of the rebuild of Penfield Pavilion.

Several town employees have been convicted of criminal charges for their involvement, and others now have upcoming criminal proceedings.

In December 2023, **Jason Julian** pled guilty "to multiple charges related to environmental crimes associated with contaminated material disposed illegally at public property." Under Jason Julian's plea agreement with the state, he agreed to be sentenced to 18 months in prison and pay \$2.5 million in restitution to the Town of Fairfield. Jason Julian will be sentenced on Monday, January 29, 2024, at 2 p.m. The sentencing will occur at the Bridgeport Superior Court, Courtroom 3A, 1061 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT.

Emmet Hibson, former Fairfield Human Resources Director, and Brian Carey, former Fairfield Conservation Director, have pending motions for reconsideration of their applications for accelerated rehabilitation that will be heard on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 11 a.m. These applications for accelerated rehabilitation were previously denied by the Court. The hearing will

occur at the Bridgeport Superior Court, Courtroom 3A, 1061 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT.

Many Town residents have asked whether they would have the ability to add their impact statements at any point in the process. The answer is yes, and for these three individuals, the time is now.

What Is a Victim Impact Statement?

The Constitution of the State of Connecticut affords crime victims with specific rights to participate throughout the criminal justice process. Among the rights of crime victims is the right to make a statement to the court at sentencing. The purpose of the statement is to inform the court how the crime has impacted your life and the life of your family, emotionally, physically and financially. This statement provides input to the court as the court determines the appropriate sentence to impose on the defendant. A victim impact statement submitted to the court will become a part of the court record and the defendant's permanent file. Therefore, the statement is available to the judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, defendant, the Department of Correction, the Office of Adult Probation and the Board of Pardons and Paroles. You can read more about [preparing an impact statement here.](#)

How to Submit Your Victim Impact Statements

The State's Attorney invited residents to submit their own impact statements. This is an important part of the court's sentencing process. If you would like to send an email with your impact statement for Jason Julian's sentencing, please send it to firstselectman@fairfieldct.org with "Jason Julian Impact Statement" in the Subject Line. **The deadline to receive your emails for Jason Julian's sentencing is by 4 p.m. on Friday, January 26.** We will forward them to the State's Attorney's office.

If you would like to send an email with your impact statement for Emmet Hibson and Brian Carey, please send it to firstselectman@fairfieldct.org with "Hibson and Carey Impact Statement" in the Subject Line. **The deadline to receive your emails for Hibson and Carey is by 4 p.m. on Friday, February 2.** We will forward them to the State's Attorney's office.

You may also submit your impact statements directly to the Court by submitting a letter to Honorable Tracy Lee Dayton, Bridgeport Superior Court, Part A, 1061 Main Street, Bridgeport CT 06604.

I am preparing impact statements for all three defendants and will send them to the Court on behalf of the Town. I encourage you to submit your own. If you have any questions about this process, please email me at firstselectman@fairfieldct.org, or call my office at 203-256-3030.

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First Selectman