

YouTuber found guilty of trespassing at Danbury City Hall, but cleared on disturbance charge

DANBURY — The Youtuber who was arrested when filming inside Danbury City Hall about 1 1/2 years ago was found guilty on one of two charges brought against him, according to the Danbury Superior Court clerk's office.

SeanPaul Reyes, of Long Island, N.Y., was charged with simple trespass and creating a public disturbance following the July 2021 incident, during which he was confronted by a security guard and a city employee for filming in the municipal building on Deer Hill Avenue.

Reyes — who uploads videos to his YouTube channel, Long Island Audit, of his interactions with law enforcement and public officials — pleaded not guilty to the two infractions and took his case to trial at state Superior Court in Danbury.

On Monday, the 31-year-old was found guilty of simple trespass, but not guilty of creating public disturbance and ordered to pay a \$90 fine, according to the court clerk's office.

Reyes nor his attorney, Stephan Seeger, could be reached Tuesday for comment on the outcome of the trial.

Reyes was involved in a similar matter at Danbury Public Library in June 2021, during which police were called after he refused a security guard's orders to leave because he was taking video. He later uploaded the video of the incident to his YouTube channel called Long Island Auditor.

The police response to the library incident raised questions about their actions, as well as whether it should be allowable for someone to film or record inside a public building.

Four officers who responded were reprimanded for violating various department policies following an internal investigation, and Reyes filed a federal lawsuit against city officials involved. Online court records show the case was dismissed in March 2022.

Reyes' YouTube channel had about 390,000 subscribers as of Tuesday afternoon, up from roughly 24,200 in June 2021.