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**STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CALLS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF YOUNG JOURNALIST COVERING PROTEST**

*Protesters Barricaded President's Office With Journalist Still Inside*

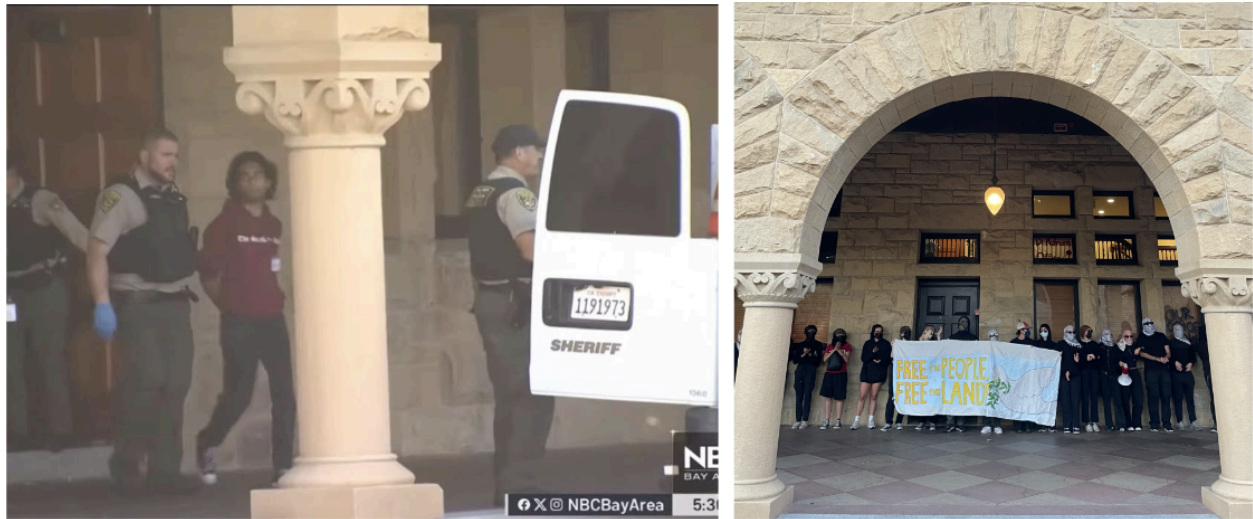
**STANFORD, CA**—Today, attorneys representing [award-winning](#) journalist Dilan Gohill released new details to the media following his arrest by law enforcement authorities. The new details were released following a [statement](#) from the leadership of the Stanford Daily confirming that Mr. Gohill was directed to cover the protests by the paper, and after shocking [statements](#) from Stanford University President Richard Saller and Provost Jenny Martinez that the school, “fully support(s) having him be criminally prosecuted.”

*“For a University renowned for churning out some of the brightest minds, Stanford leadership’s calls for the criminal prosecution of a young journalist covering a protest is decidedly dim witted,”* **said Max Szabo, an attorney and spokesperson for Mr. Gohill.**

Dispatches available online demonstrate that Dilan [published](#) news stories detailing what protesters were doing inside. Once authorities regained entry to the building, protesters purportedly told law enforcement officers that Dilan was, “not one of us, he’s press,” an interaction Gohill’s editors could hear via speakerphone.

*“Dilan did not break into any building, vandalize any property, nor did he create the barricade that left him trapped with the protesters,”* **said Nick Rowley, a nationally acclaimed trial attorney and co-founder of Trial Lawyers for Justice.** *"In this country we don't arrest journalists because we don't like what they're writing about. Law enforcement and the university alike need to take immediate steps to correct this injustice."*

Publicly available photos demonstrate that Dilan wore red Stanford Daily attire and displayed his media credentials while protesters wore all black and covered their faces with sunglasses and balaclavas. Nonetheless, Gohill was arrested on charges of felony burglary, vandalism and conspiracy.



<https://youtu.be/LH-5nxQh9oQ?si=OSZjLTxucDrCE1hW>

Gohill was held in jail for 15 hours. During that time Santa Clara County Sheriff's Deputies attempted to gain access to Dilan's iPhone, putting it up to his face in order to gain entry via Face ID. Dilan looked away repeatedly, styming the Deputies' efforts to get into his device.

*“Whatever your position is on the war in Gaza, a free press ensures we receive vital information and differing viewpoints,” said **Jean-Paul Jassy, an attorney representing Gohill and one of the nation’s premier First Amendment lawyers.** “Seeking accountability for the protestors is one thing, but advocating that a journalist face criminal consequences for doing his job is at odds with an institution of higher learning and the university’s own motto that ‘the winds of freedom blow’.”*

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