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Cincinnati Student held over massacre threat

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Associated Press

Cincinnati – A University of Cincinnati student upset about a grade told an adviser that he would top the massacre at Virginia Tech in which a gunman killed 32 people and himself, campus police said.

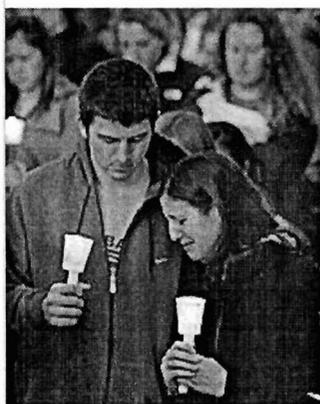
Karsten Taylor, 37, of Cincinnati, was arrested Wednesday. He was being held Thursday under \$500,000 bond on a misdemeanor charge of inducing panic. Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge John Burlew also ordered Taylor to undergo a mental evaluation.

Police said Taylor made the threat Monday in a phone call to an adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences. The adviser informed police.

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"If you think Virginia Tech was something, wait till I come up there," Taylor was accused of saying, according to a complaint filed in Hamilton County Municipal Court.

UC police waited for Taylor to arrive for a 10 a.m. class Wednesday. When he didn't show, officers tracked him to an off-campus location, Capt. Karen Patterson said.

Before making the call to the adviser, Taylor followed procedure in his complaint about the grade by speaking to a professor, meeting with a department head and undergoing a committee review, Patterson said.