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**FRUSTRATED & AFRAID**

**‘Now my son has to grow up without his father’**

Family remembers man killed in Felton

**Isabel Hughes**  
Delaware News Journal  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Kristen Legates always knew her son’s father might die.

Charles Jamie Kupidowski – who went by Jamie – had long struggled with addiction. As recently as January, the 36-year-old was hospitalized with blood clots in his arms and legs caused by the drug use.

Legates had warned Kupidowski, whom she shares 13-year-old Jakoby Kupidowski with, that he wouldn’t live much longer if he continued down the path he was on. Kupidowski had promised he’d go to rehab “once he got his stuff squared away.”

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**HOW A RIFT BETWEEN STATE POLICE, SCHOOL WORSENERD AFTER DEATH THREAT**

**Isabel Hughes** Delaware News Journal | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School community wanted answers. It had been more than three weeks since the school had received a hoax threat, and they had little information about why it took police 76 minutes to respond. Parents were frustrated, but perhaps more importantly, they were fearful.

As several dozen families and about 30 teachers, administrators and board members gathered in the charter school’s dining hall, they waited for members of Delaware State Police to begin their presentation.

Why was the Oct. 24 police response so slow and what was being done to ensure it wouldn’t happen again, they wanted to know. Were their kids safe?

Those answers wouldn’t be provided that November night. Instead, the town hall would only exacerbate tensions between the school community and state police, prompting the agency to clam up until its internal investigation was complete.

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Academia Antonia Alonso Charter School Executive Director Mercedes Alonso tries to get the attention of someone through a pane of glass in the school’s main office on Oct. 24, 2022. Delaware Online/The News Journal has edited the photos to blur the faces of parents involved.

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**Push on to expand voting rights in jails**

**Gary Fields and Michael Tarm**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO – The voting precinct could have been any one of hundreds throughout Chicago, except that these voters in the first round of the mayoral election were all wearing the same beige smocks. And the security at this polling place wasn’t intended to keep disrupters and campaigners out, but the voters in.

When first-time voter Tykarri Skil-lon finished studying the list of nine candidates, looking for those who shared his priorities on jobs and

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