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Thread: [Charlie Kirk murder accused makes first in-person court appearance](#)

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The defendant confessed the crime to his father, who recognised him from images released by authorities and who eventually persuaded him to surrender, say officials.

He wore a shirt, tie and trousers and smiled at family members sitting in the front row of the court, according to the BBC's US news partner CBS. His mother, father and brother were in court with him

In October, the judge allowed the defendant to wear civilian clothes during pre-trial hearings to avoid prejudicing potential jurors, but he required him to wear restraints during hearings.

Photo or video of him in restraints is not allowed.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cvg88l4lnemo>

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Most of the time defense lawyers attempts to say that a case has had too much prejudicial publicity don't seem to go anywhere. The judge tends to decide that there's not really enough coverage to taint the trial and they usually find jury members who say they don't know much about it.

Because of the political factors here it is a bit different from the usual high publicity true crime trials though.

