

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BERKS COUNTY

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CASE INFORMATION

<u>Judge Assigned:</u> Parisi, Thomas G.	<u>Date Filed:</u> 03/13/2026	<u>Initiation Date:</u> 02/20/2026
<u>OTN:</u> W 1017382-2	<u>LOTN:</u>	<u>Originating Docket No.:</u> MJ-23303-CR-0000027-2026
<u>Initial Issuing Authority:</u> Steven Michael Chieffo	<u>Final Issuing Authority:</u> Steven Michael Chieffo	
<u>Arresting Agency:</u> Animal Rescue League of Berks County	<u>Arresting Officer:</u> Harnish, Rachel	
<u>Complaint/Citation No.:</u> DAP2025-334	<u>Incident Number:</u> DAP2025-334	
<u>County:</u> Berks	<u>Township:</u> Alsace Township	
<u>Case Local Number Type(s)</u>	<u>Case Local Number(s)</u>	

STATUS INFORMATION

<u>Case Status:</u> Active	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>	<u>Complaint Date:</u> 02/20/2026
	05/11/2026	Status Hearing Scheduled	
	04/07/2026	Awaiting Formal Arraignment	
	03/19/2026	Awaiting Disposition/Trial Listing	
	03/16/2026	Awaiting Formal Arraignment	
	03/13/2026	Awaiting Filing of Information	

CALENDAR EVENTS

<u>Case Calendar</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Time</u>			<u>Status</u>
Arraignment	04/08/2026	8:30 am	Courtroom 1A	Judge Thomas G. Parisi	Cancelled
Disposition/Trial Listing	05/11/2026	9:00 am	Courtroom 5A	Judge Thomas G. Parisi	Cancelled
Status Hearing	06/01/2026	11:00 am	Courtroom 5A	Judge Thomas G. Parisi	Scheduled

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Date Of Birth: 03/21/1982 City/State/Zip: Temple, PA 19560

CASE PARTICIPANTS

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Name</u>
Defendant	Steinmetz, Justin

BAIL INFORMATION

Steinmetz, Justin **Nebbia Status: None**

<u>Bail Action</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Bail Type</u>	<u>Originating Court</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Set	02/27/2026	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$25,000.00

<u>Surety Type</u>	<u>Surety Name</u>	<u>Posting Status</u>	<u>Posting Date</u>	<u>Security Type</u>	<u>Security Amt</u>
Third Party	Steinmetz, Lauren Beth	Posted	02/27/2026	Cash	\$25,000.00

CHARGES

<u>Seq.</u>	<u>Orig Seq.</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Statute</u>	<u>Statute Description</u>	<u>Offense Dt.</u>	<u>OTN</u>
1	1	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A1	Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Torture	10/24/2025	W 1017382-2

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Seq.	Orig Seq.	Grade	Statute	Statute Description	Offense Dt.	OTN
2	2	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A2	Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Causing SBI or Death	10/24/2025	W 1017382-2
3	3	M2	18 § 5533 §§ A	Cruelty to Animals	10/24/2025	W 1017382-2
4	4	M3	18 § 5532 §§ A3	Neglect of Animals - Vet Care	10/24/2025	W 1017382-2

DISPOSITION SENTENCING/PENALTIES

Disposition

<u>Case Event</u>	<u>Disposition Date</u>	<u>Final Disposition</u>	
<u>Sequence/Description</u>	<u>Offense Disposition</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Section</u>
<u>Sentencing Judge</u>	<u>Sentence Date</u>	<u>Credit For Time Served</u>	
<u>Sentence/Diversion Program Type</u>	<u>Incarceration/Diversionary Period</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	
<u>Sentence Conditions</u>			

Held for Court (Lower Court) Defendant Was Present

Lower Court Disposition	03/11/2026	Not Final	
1 / Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Torture	Held for Court (Lower Court)	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A1
2 / Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Causing SBI or Death	Held for Court (Lower Court)	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A2
3 / Cruelty to Animals	Held for Court (Lower Court)	M2	18 § 5533 §§ A
4 / Neglect of Animals - Vet Care	Held for Court (Lower Court)	M3	18 § 5532 §§ A3

Proceed to Court Defendant Was Not Present

Information Filed	04/07/2026	Not Final	
1 / Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Torture	Proceed to Court	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A1
2 / Aggravated Cruelty to Animals - Causing SBI or Death	Proceed to Court	F3	18 § 5534 §§ A2
3 / Cruelty to Animals	Proceed to Court	M2	18 § 5533 §§ A
4 / Neglect of Animals - Vet Care	Proceed to Court	M3	18 § 5532 §§ A3

COMMONWEALTH INFORMATION

Name: Berks County District Attorney's Office
District Attorney

Supreme Court No:
Phone Number(s):
610-478-6000 (Phone)

Address:
Berks County Services Center, 5th Floor
633 Court Street
Reading, PA 19601

ATTORNEY INFORMATION

Name: Daniel Craig Nevins *
Private

Supreme Court No: 200351
Rep. Status: Lower Court
Phone Number(s):
610-372-5128 (Phone)

Address:
Nevins & Mcallister
602-604 Court St
Reading, PA 19601-3508

Representing: Steinmetz, Justin
* *Entry of Appearance Not Filed*

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ENTRIES

<u>Sequence Number</u>	<u>CP Filed Date</u>	<u>Document Date</u>	<u>Filed By</u>
<u>Service To</u>		<u>Service By</u>	
<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Service Status</u>
1	02/27/2026		Steinmetz, Lauren Beth
Bail Posted - Steinmetz, Justin			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
03/16/2026	eService		Served

2	02/27/2026		Chieffo, Steven Michael
Bail Set - Steinmetz, Justin			

1	03/13/2026		Court of Common Pleas - Berks County
Original Papers Received from Lower Court			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
03/16/2026	eService		Served

3	03/19/2026		Nevins, Daniel Craig
Informal Request for Pre-Trial Discovery and Inspection			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
03/20/2026	eService		Served

1	04/07/2026		Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Information Filed			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
04/07/2026	eService		Served

1	05/01/2026		Steinmetz, Justin
Pro Se Letter to Judge			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
05/15/2026	eService		Served

1	05/08/2026	05/07/2026	Parisi, Thomas G.
Order Scheduling Case Status Hearing 06/01/26 and Waiver of PA.R.Crim.P.600/1013; Vacate 05/11/26			
Berks County District Attorney's Office			
05/12/2026	eService		Served

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CASE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Last Payment Date:

Total of Last Payment:

Steinmetz, Justin Defendant	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Non Monetary Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Costs/Fees					
Automation Fee (Berks)	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5.00
Sheriff Central Processing (Berks)	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00
Sheriff Cost (Berks)	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.00
Order (Berks)	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Costs/Fees Totals:	\$284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$284.00
Grand Totals:	\$284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$284.00

** - Indicates assessment is subrogated