

# COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CHESTER COUNTY

## DOCKET



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### CASE INFORMATION

<u>Judge Assigned:</u> Binder, Bret M.	<u>Date Filed:</u> 01/07/2025	<u>Initiation Date:</u> 11/30/2024
<u>OTN:</u> S 1008991-4 <u>LOTN:</u> N10092390	<u>Originating Docket No:</u> MJ-15201-CR-0000217-2024	
<u>Initial Issuing Authority:</u> The Honorable James C. Kovaleski	<u>Final Issuing Authority:</u> The Honorable James C. Kovaleski	
<u>Arresting Agency:</u> Chester County County Detective	<u>Arresting Officer:</u> Davis, Gerald V. Jr.	
<u>Complaint/Citation No.:</u> 1078	<u>Incident Number:</u> CC-24-02231	
<u>County:</u> Chester	<u>Township:</u> Phoenixville Boro	
<u>Case Local Number Type(s)</u> Civil Judgment Case #	<u>Case Local Number(s)</u> AP2501820AJ	

### STATUS INFORMATION

<u>Case Status:</u> Closed	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>	<u>Arrest Date:</u> 11/30/2024
	09/11/2025	Sentenced/Penalty Imposed	
	09/11/2025	Awaiting Sentencing	
	01/24/2025	Awaiting Trial	
	01/07/2025	Awaiting Trial	
	01/07/2025	Awaiting Filing of Information	
			<u>Complaint Date:</u> 11/30/2024

### 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>
Formal Arraignment	01/16/2025	9:15 am	Arraignment Room 4112		Scheduled
Call of the Criminal List	04/30/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Scheduled
Criminal Trial	05/13/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Cancelled
Call of the Criminal List	06/11/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Scheduled
Criminal Trial	06/23/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Cancelled
Call of the Criminal List	07/23/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Scheduled
Criminal Trial	08/04/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Cancelled
Call of the Criminal List	09/05/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Scheduled
Criminal Trial	09/11/2025	9:00 am	Courtroom 4	Judge Bret M. Binder	Scheduled

### CONFINEMENT INFORMATION

<u>Confinement</u>	<u>Confinement</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Confinement</u>	<u>Still in</u>
<u>Known As Of</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Custody</u>
01/30/2026	State Correctional Institution	SCI Coal Township		Yes

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### DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Date Of Birth: 04/21/1971      City/State/Zip: Satellite Beach, FL 32937

### CASE PARTICIPANTS

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Name</u>
Defendant	Richards, James Patrick

### BAIL INFORMATION

**Richards, James Patrick** **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	11/30/2024	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$2,000,000.00

### 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	F1	18 § 901 §§ A	Criminal Attempt - Rape of Child	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4

### 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>		

<b>Waived for Court (Lower Court)</b>	Defendant Was Present		
Lower Court Disposition	01/07/2025	Not Final	
1 / Criminal Attempt - Rape of Child	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F1	18 § 901 §§ A

<b>Guilty Plea - Negotiated</b>			
Guilty Plea	09/11/2025	Final Disposition	
1 / Criminal Attempt - Rape of Child	Guilty Plea - Negotiated	F1	18 § 901 §§ A

Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025	286 Days
Confinement	Min of 6.00 Years 6.00 Months	
	Max of 13.00 Years	
	Other	

State confinement  
 Credit time-served: 11/30/2024 - 09/11/2025  
 Fine: \$1,000 & costs  
 DNA Testing: \$250  
 Megan's Law - Tier III Sex Offender  
 Sex Offense Assessment & recom'd treatment  
 No unsupervised contact with minors  
 Comply with special conditions for Sex Offenders imposed by PA Board of Probation & Parole  
 Probation  
     Min of 3.00 Years  
     Max of 3.00 Years  
     Other

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#### Case Event

#### Disposition Date

#### Final Disposition

#### Sequence/Description

#### Offense Disposition

#### Grade Section

#### Sentencing Judge

#### Sentence Date

#### Credit For Time Served

#### Sentence/Diversion Program Type

#### Incarceration/Diversionary Period

#### Start Date

#### Sentence Conditions

Probation: 3 years Consecutive to Parole

### LINKED SENTENCES:

#### Link 1

CP-15-CR-000044-2025 - Seq. No. 1 (18 § 3121 §§ C) - Probation is Consecutive to

CP-15-CR-000044-2025 - Seq. No. 1 (18 § 3121 §§ C) - Confinement

### COMMONWEALTH INFORMATION

**Name:** Erin Patricia O'Brien  
District Attorney  
**Supreme Court No:** 200146  
**Phone Number(s):** 610-344-6438 (Phone)  
**Address:**  
Chester County District Attorney's Office  
201 W Market St  
West Chester, PA 19380

**Name:** Chester County District Attorney's  
Office  
District Attorney

**Supreme Court No:**  
**Phone Number(s):** 610-344-6801 (Phone)

**Address:**  
201 West Market Street  
Suite 4450  
West Chester, PA 19380

### ATTORNEY INFORMATION

**Name:** Vincent P. Difabio  
Private  
**Supreme Court No:** 027550  
**Rep. Status:** Active  
**Phone Number(s):** 610-647-7500 (Phone)

**Address:**  
Platt Digiorgio & Difabio  
1800 Lancaster Ave Ste L  
Paoli, PA 19301-1533  
**Representing:** Richards, James Patrick

### ENTRIES

Sequence Number	CP Filed Date	Document Date	Filed By
1	11/30/2024		Arndt, J Timothy III
Bail Set - Richards, James Patrick			
1	01/07/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Original Papers Received from Lower Court Chester County District Attorney's Office			

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1	01/09/2025		Difabio, Vincent P.
Entry of Appearance			
Chester County District Attorney's Office			
01/09/2025	eService		Served
1	01/24/2025		Chester County District Attorney's Office
Ready for Trial - Waived Arraignment			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
01/27/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
01/27/2025	eService		Served
2	01/24/2025		Chester County District Attorney's Office
Information Filed			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
01/27/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
01/27/2025	eService		Served
3	04/14/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Hearing Notice			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
04/14/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
04/14/2025	eService		Served
2	04/30/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order Granting Defense Motion for Continuance of Trial			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
04/30/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
04/30/2025	eService		Served

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2	05/27/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Hearing Notice			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
05/27/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
05/27/2025	eService		Served
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1	06/10/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order Granting Defense Motion for Continuance of Trial			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
06/13/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
06/13/2025	eService		Served
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1	06/30/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Hearing Notice			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
06/30/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
06/30/2025	eService		Served
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2	07/23/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order Granting Defense Motion for Continuance			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
07/23/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
07/23/2025	eService		Served
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2	08/19/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Hearing Notice			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
08/19/2025	eService		Served
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2	09/11/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Guilty Plea - Negotiated			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
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3	09/11/2025		Difabio, Vincent P.
Registration Notification Requirements (Plea Colloquy)			
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
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4	09/11/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order - Sentence/Penalty Imposed			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
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5	09/11/2025		Difabio, Vincent P.
Registration Notification Requirements (Sentencing Colloquy)			
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
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6	09/11/2025		Binder, Bret M.
DNA Sample Ordered			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served
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7	09/11/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order Directing SOAB To Perform SVP Assessment			
Chester County Court Administration			
09/15/2025	Interoffice		
Difabio, Vincent P.			
09/15/2025	eService		Served

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O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/15/2025	eService		Served
State Sexual Offenders Assessment Board 09/15/2025	E-Mail		
State Sexual Offenders Assessment Board 09/15/2025	First Class		
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1	09/12/2025		Chester County Adult Probation Unit
PA Guideline Sentence Form - Complete			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/12/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/12/2025	eService		Served
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1	09/25/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Penalty Assessed			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/25/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/25/2025	eService		Served
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2	09/25/2025		Chester County Clerk of Courts
Itemized Account of Fines, Costs, Fees, and Restitution			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/25/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/25/2025	eService		Served
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3	09/25/2025		Chester County Clerk of Courts
Entry of Civil Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/25/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/25/2025	eService		Served
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4	09/25/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County Binder, Bret M.
Court Commitment State Correctional Institution Chester County Sheriff's Department 09/25/2025			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/25/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/25/2025	eService		Served
SCI Smithfield 09/25/2025			
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1	09/29/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Penalty Satisfied			
Difabio, Vincent P. 09/29/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/29/2025	eService		Served
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2	09/29/2025		Van de Krol, Yolanda
Entry of Civil Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P. 10/03/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 10/03/2025	eService		Served
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1	10/06/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County Van de Krol, Yolanda
Praecipe to Satisfy Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P. 10/06/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia 10/06/2025	eService		Served
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1	10/07/2025		Van de Krol, Yolanda
Praeipce to Satisfy Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
10/07/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
10/07/2025	eService		Served
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1	10/30/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Notes of Testimony dated 9/11/25			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
10/31/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
10/31/2025	eService		Served
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### CASE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Last Payment Date: 09/29/2025

Total of Last Payment: -\$1,920.43

Richards, James Patrick Defendant	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Non Monetary Payments</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Costs/Fees</b>					
Constable Fee (Chester)	\$173.68	(\$173.68)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ATJ	\$6.00	(\$6.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Booking Center Fee (Chester)	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CJES	\$2.50	(\$2.50)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts Administrative Fee (Chester)	\$8.00	(\$8.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts UDS Automation Fee (Chester)	\$5.00	(\$5.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clerks Cost (Chester)	\$75.00	(\$75.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Commonwealth Cost - HB627 (Act 167 of 1992)	\$26.70	(\$26.70)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Costs of Prosecution - CJEA	\$50.00	(\$50.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
County Court Cost (Act 204 of 1976)	\$39.00	(\$39.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crime Victim Services and Compensation (Act 77 of	\$60.00	(\$60.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DNA Detection Fund (Act 185-2004)	\$250.00	(\$250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Domestic Violence Compensation (Act 44 of 1988)	\$10.00	(\$10.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Firearm Education and Training Fund	\$5.00	(\$5.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
JCPS	\$21.25	(\$21.25)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Judicial Computer Project	\$8.00	(\$8.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OAG - JCP	\$2.50	(\$2.50)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Court Costs (Act 204 of 1976)	\$17.80	(\$17.80)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Variable Amount to be Distributed CVSC (Act 77)	\$7.00	(\$7.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Variable Amount to be Distributed CVSC (Act 77)	\$3.00	(\$3.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Costs/Fees Totals:	\$920.43	(\$920.43)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fines</b>					
Crimes Code, etc.	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fines Totals:	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Totals:	\$1,920.43	(\$1,920.43)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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