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CASE INFORMATION

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

STATUS INFORMATION

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

Complaint Date: 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>
11/30/2024	County Correctional Facility	Chester County Prison		Yes

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DEFENDANT INFORMATION

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

CASE PARTICIPANTS

Participant Type Name
Defendant Richards, James Patrick

BAIL INFORMATION

Richards, James Patrick

Nebbia Status: None

Bail Action	Date	Bail Type	Originating Court	Percentage	Amount
Set	11/30/2024	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$2,000,000.00

CHARGES

Seq.	Orig Seq.	Grade	Statute	Statute Description	Offense Dt.	OTN
1	1	F1	18 § 901 §§ A	Criminal Attempt - Rape of Child	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4
2	2	F1	18 § 901 §§ A	Criminal Attempt - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4
3	3	F3	18 § 7512 §§ A	Criminal Use Of Communication Facility	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4
4	4	F1	18 § 3011 §§ A1	Trafficking in Individuals - Recruit/entice/solicit/etc.	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4
5	5	F1	18 § 902 §§ A	Criminal Solicitation - Rape of Child	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4
6	6	F1	18 § 902 §§ A	Criminal Solicitation - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	11/24/2024	S 1008991-4

DISPOSITION SENTENCING/PENALTIES

Disposition

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		

Waived for Court (Lower Court)

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
2 / Criminal Attempt - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F1 18 § 901 §§ A
3 / Criminal Use Of Communication Facility	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F3 18 § 7512 §§ A
4 / Trafficking in Individuals - Recruit/entice/solicit/etc.	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F1 18 § 3011 §§ A1
5 / Criminal Solicitation - Rape of Child	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F1 18 § 902 §§ A
6 / Criminal Solicitation - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	Waived for Court (Lower Court)	F1 18 § 902 §§ A

Guilty Plea - Negotiated

Guilty Plea	09/11/2025	Final Disposition
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<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>			
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		
Probation: 3 years Consecutive to Parole			
2 / Criminal Attempt - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	Withdrawn	F1	18 § 901 §§ A
Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025		
3 / Criminal Use Of Communication Facility	Withdrawn	F3	18 § 7512 §§ A
Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025		
4 / Trafficking in Individuals - Recruit/entice/solicit/etc.	Withdrawn	F1	18 § 3011 §§ A1
Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025		
5 / Criminal Solicitation - Rape of Child	Withdrawn	F1	18 § 902 §§ A
Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025		
6 / Criminal Solicitation - Invol. Deviate Sexual Intercourse W/Child	Withdrawn	F1	18 § 902 §§ A
Binder, Bret M.	09/11/2025		

LINKED SENTENCES:

Link 1

CP-15-CR-0000044-2025 - Seq. No. 1 (18 § 3121 §§ C) - Probation is Consecutive to

CP-15-CR-0000044-2025 - Seq. No. 1 (18 § 3121 §§ C) - Confinement

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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

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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 01/07/2025 eService Served			

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			

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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
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
1	06/10/2025		Binder, Bret M.
Order Granting Defense Motion for Continuance of Trial			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
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
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
2	08/19/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
Hearing Notice			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
08/19/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
08/19/2025	eService		Served
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
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

5	09/11/2025		Difabio, Vincent P.
Registration Notification Requirements (Sentencing Colloquy)			
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
09/15/2025	eService		Served

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

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
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		

1	09/12/2025		Chester County Adult Probation Unit
PA Guideline Sentence Form - Complete			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
09/12/2025	eService		Served

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O'Brien, Erin Patricia 09/12/2025	eService		Served
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
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
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
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
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
1	10/06/2025		Court of Common Pleas - Chester County
			Van de Krol, Yolanda
Praeipce to Satisfy Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
10/06/2025	eService		Served
O'Brien, Erin Patricia			
10/06/2025	eService		Served
1	10/07/2025		Van de Krol, Yolanda
Praeipce to Satisfy Judgment			
Difabio, Vincent P.			
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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>
Costs/Fees					
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
Fines					
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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