

# Magisterial District Judge 17-3-02

## DOCKET

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### CASE INFORMATION

<u>Judge Assigned:</u>	Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey L. Mensch	<u>Issue Date:</u>	12/02/2025
<u>OTN:</u>	C 1016305-3	<u>File Date:</u>	12/02/2025
<u>Arresting Agency:</u>	Milton PSP	<u>Arrest Date:</u>	12/02/2025
<u>Complaint No.:</u>	SPREBHK032	<u>Incident No.:</u>	PA 2025-1494504
<u>Disposition:</u>	Waived for Court	<u>Disposition Date:</u>	02/03/2026
<u>County:</u>	Union	<u>Township:</u>	West Buffalo Township
<u>Case Status:</u>	Closed		

### STATUS INFORMATION

<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>
Closed	02/06/2026	Case Transferred to Court of Common Pleas
	02/03/2026	Completed
	12/02/2025	Awaiting Preliminary Hearing
	12/02/2025	Awaiting Preliminary Arraignment

### CALENDAR EVENTS

<u>Case Calendar</u>	<u>Schedule</u>			<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Start Time</u>	<u>Room</u>		<u>Status</u>
Preliminary Arraignment	12/02/2025	5:40 am		Scott A. Zeigler	Scheduled
Bail Hearing	12/03/2025	1:00 pm		Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey L. Mensch	Scheduled
Preliminary Hearing	12/09/2025	10:45 am		Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey L. Mensch	Continued
Preliminary Hearing	02/03/2026	9:30 am		Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey L. Mensch	Scheduled
Formal Arraignment	05/04/2026	8:30 am	Union County Courtroom	Piecuch, Michael A	Scheduled

### CONFINEMENT

<u>Confinement Location</u>	<u>Confinement Type</u>	<u>Confinement Reason</u>	<u>Confinement</u>	<u>Confinement</u>
			<u>Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>
<b>Case Confinement</b>				
Union County Prison	County Jail	Unable to Post Bail	12/02/2025	12/03/2025

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### DEFENDANT INFORMATION

Name: Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr. Sex: Male  
Date of Birth: 10/09/1960 Race: White

Address(es):

**Other**  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Advised Defendant of Right to Apply for Assignment of Counsel? Yes  
Public Defender Requested by the Defendant? No  
Application Provided for Appointment of Public Defender? Yes  
Has the Defendant Been Fingerprinted? Yes

### CASE PARTICIPANTS

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Participant Name</u>
Arresting Officer	Hook, Luke J.
Defendant	Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr.

### BAIL

**Bail Set:** **Nebbia Status: None**

<u>Bail Action Type</u>	<u>Bail Action Date</u>	<u>Bail Type</u>	<u>Originating Court</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Set	12/02/2025	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$25,000.00
Change Non-Monetary Conditions	12/03/2025	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$25,000.00
<i>Bail Action Reason: MDJ decision</i>					
Change Non-Monetary Conditions	02/03/2026	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		\$25,000.00
<i>Bail Action Reason: agreement of parties, including victim</i>					

**Bail Posted:**

<u>Surety Type</u>	<u>Surety Name</u>	<u>Posting Status</u>	<u>Posted Dt</u>	<u>Security Type</u>	<u>Security Amt</u>
Professional Bondsman	Whistler, Melissa	Posted	12/03/2025	Surety Bonds	\$25,000.00

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## CHARGES

# Charge	Grade	Description	Offense Dt.	Disposition
1 18 § 3301 §§ C1	F2	Arson-Intent Destroy Unoccupied Bldg	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
2 18 § 3301 §§ D1	F3	Reckless Burning or Exploding - places uninhabited or unoccupied structure in danger of damage or de	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
3 18 § 3301 §§ E1	M1	Failure To Control/Duty	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
4 18 § 3304 §§ A1	F3	Crim Misch/Dmg Prop Intent, Reckless, Or Neglig	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
5 18 § 3302 §§ A	F2	Causing Catastrophe	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
6 18 § 5503 §§ A4	M3	Disorderly Conduct Hazardous/Physi Off	12/02/2025	Waived for Court
7 18 § 3301 §§ D.1	S	Dangerous Burning	12/02/2025	Waived for Court

## DISPOSITION / SENTENCING DETAILS

<u>Case Disposition</u>	<u>Disposition Date</u>	<u>Was Defendant Present?</u>
Waived for Court	02/03/2026	Yes
<u>Offense Seq./Description</u>	<u>Offense Disposition</u>	
1 Arson-Intent Destroy Unoccupied Bldg	Waived for Court	
2 Reckless Burning or Exploding - places uninhabited or unoccupied structure in danger of damage or de	Waived for Court	
3 Failure To Control/Duty	Waived for Court	
4 Crim Misch/Dmg Prop Intent, Reckless, Or Neglig	Waived for Court	
5 Causing Catastrophe	Waived for Court	
6 Disorderly Conduct Hazardous/Physi Off	Waived for Court	
7 Dangerous Burning	Waived for Court	

## ATTORNEY INFORMATION

### District Attorney

Name: Union County District Attorney's Office  
Representing: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Counsel Status: Active  
Supreme Court No.:  
Phone No.: 570-524-8651  
Address: Union County Courthouse  
103 South Second Street  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

### Private

Name: Michael J. Rudinski, Esq.  
Representing: Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr.  
Counsel Status: Active  
Supreme Court No.: 037971  
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Williamsport, PA 17701-6329

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<u>Filed Date</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Filer</u>	<u>Applies To</u>
02/03/2026	Waiver of Preliminary Hearing	Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr.	Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr., Defendant
02/03/2026	Waived for Court	Magisterial District Judge Jeffrey L. Mensch	Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr., Defendant
02/03/2026	Docket Transcript Printed	Magisterial District Court 17-3-02	Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr., Defendant
12/04/2025	Subpoena Issued via Hand Delivery	Magisterial District Court 17-3-02	Restricted Participant
12/02/2025	Commitment Printed - Unable to Post Bail	Magisterial District Court 17-3-02	Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr., Defendant
12/02/2025	Criminal Complaint Filed	Magisterial District Court 17-3-02	