

Magisterial District Judge 17-3-02

DOCKET

Docket Number: MJ-17302-CR-0000199-2025

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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>		<u>Disposition Date:</u>	
<u>County:</u>	Union	<u>Township:</u>	West Buffalo Township
<u>Case Status:</u>	Active		

STATUS INFORMATION

<u>Case Status</u>	<u>Status Date</u>	<u>Processing Status</u>
Active	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		Scheduled
Bail Hearing	12/03/2025	1:00 pm		Scheduled
Preliminary Hearing	12/09/2025	10:45 am		Continued
Preliminary Hearing	02/03/2026	9:30 am		Scheduled

CONFINEMENT

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

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

<u>Name:</u>	Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr.	<u>Sex:</u>	Male
<u>Date of Birth:</u>	10/09/1960	<u>Race:</u>	White
<u>Address(es):</u>			
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

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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

Bail Action Reason: MDJ decision

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

CHARGES

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

ATTORNEY INFORMATION

District Attorney	Private
<u>Name:</u> Union County District Attorney's Office	<u>Name:</u> Michael J. Rudinski, Esq.
<u>Representing:</u> Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	<u>Representing:</u> Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr.
<u>Counsel Status:</u> Active	<u>Counsel Status:</u> Active
<u>Supreme Court No.:</u>	<u>Supreme Court No.:</u> 037971
<u>Phone No.:</u> 570-524-8651	<u>Phone No.:</u> 570-321-8090
<u>Address:</u> Union County Courthouse 103 South Second Street Lewisburg, PA 17837	<u>Address:</u> Rudinski Orso & Associates Pc 339 Market St Williamsport, PA 17701-6329

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DOCKET ENTRY INFORMATION

<u>Filed Date</u>	<u>Entry</u>	<u>Filer</u>	<u>Applies To</u>
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	