Magisterial District Judge 17-3-02

DOCKET

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

Criminal Docket

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
v.
Benjamin Allen Houdeshell Sr.

CASE INFORMATION

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

STATUS INFORMATION

Case Status	Status Date	Processing Status
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

Case Calendar Event Type	Schedule Start Date	Start Time	Room	Judge Name	Schedule Status
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

Confinement Location	Confinement Type	Confinement Reason	Confinement Date	Confinement End Date
Case Confinement				
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

Participant Type	Participant Name
Arresting Officer	Hook, Luke J.
Defendant	Houdeshell, Benjamin Allen Sr.

BAIL

Bail Set: **Nebbia Status: None**

Bail Action Type	Bail Action Date	Bail Type	Originating Court	Percentage	Amount
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*				
Change Non-Monetary Conditions	02/03/2026	Monetary	Magisterial District Court		$25,000.00
Bail Action Reason:	*agreement of parties, including victim*				

Bail Posted:

Surety Type	Surety Name	Posting Status	Posted Dt	Security Type	Security Amt
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

Case Disposition
Waived for Court

Disposition Date
02/03/2026

Was Defendant Present?
Yes

Offense Seq./Description	Offense Disposition
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6 Disorderly Conduct Hazardous/Physi Off	Waived for Court
7 Dangerous Burning	Waived for Court

ATTORNEY INFORMATION

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Representing: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Filed Date	Entry	Filer	Applies To
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	

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