

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: ALLEGHENY

MDJ: PITTSBURGH MUNICIPAL COURT

Magisterial District Number: 05-0-03

Address: [REDACTED]
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

Phone: 412.350.6715



POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

DEFENDANT:

(NAME and ADDRESS):

ELIJAH

S

HEMINGWAY

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Gen.

[REDACTED] WINSTON STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 15207

NCIC Extradition Code Type

Felony - Full Extradition

Distance: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number 6721	Date Filed 9-23-26	OTN/LiveScan Number R 838535-5	Complaint/Incident Number ASAP-1087462/ACPD26021511	Request Lab Services? ☐ Yes
GENDER MALE	DOB [REDACTED]	POB	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant(s) ☐
RACE BLACK	First Name		Middle Name	Last Name Gen.
ETHNICITY	AKA			
HAIR COLOR BLK (BLACK)		EYE COLOR BRO (BROWN)		
DNA	DNA Location			WEIGHT (lbs.) 210
FBI Number	MNU Number		Ft. HEIGHT In. 6 00	
Defendant Fingerprinted				
Fingerprint Classification				

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	Hazmat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind.	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. Same as Def.
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth ☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved because: _____

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

name of the attorney for the Commonwealth

(Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

(Date)

I, JEFFREY SMARACHEK

39859

(Name of the Affiant)

(PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE

PA0022800

(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)

(Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. ☒ I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as _____

I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have, therefore, designated as John Doe or Jane Doe

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at

426

(Subdivision Code)

EDGEWOOD BORO

(Place/Political Subdivision)

In Allegheny County

02

(County Code)

on or about 09/24/2026 0:30



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The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically. (Set forth a *brief* summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated. In addition, social security numbers and financial information (e.g. PINS) should not be listed. If the identity of an account must be established, list only the last four digits. 204 PA.Code §§213.1 – 213.7.)

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
☒ Lead?	1	2501	A	of the	18	1	H1		
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate		☐ Safety Zone		☐ Work Zone		
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): 18 2501A CRIMINAL HOMICIDE H1 1 COUNT The actor intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently caused the death of VICTIM #2 another human being, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2501(a).									

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
☐ Lead?	2	2702	A1	of the	18	2	F1		
Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate		☐ Safety Zone		☐ Work Zone		
Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance): 18 2702A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F1 2 COUNTS The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to VICTIM #1 or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1). The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to VICTIM #2 or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).									



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Indicate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
☐	3	3502	A1	of the	18	1	F1		
Lead?	Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code	
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone			

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

18 3502A1 BURGLARY F1 1 COUNT

The actor, with the intent to commit a crime therein, entered a building or occupied structure, namely [REDACTED] Linden Avenue, Edgewood, PA or separately secured or occupied portion thereof that was adapted for overnight accommodations in which at the time a person was present, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §3502(a)(1) and (c)(1).

Indicate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
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PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone			

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

18 901A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT F1 1 COUNT

The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501 | CRIMINAL HOMICIDE:A, the said actor did the act or acts of USING A KNIFE TO STAB VICTIM #1, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).

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Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
☐	5	3503	A1II	of the	18	1	F2		
Lead?	Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone			

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

18 3503A1II CRIMINAL TRESPASS F2 1 COUNT

The actor knowing that he was not licensed or privileged to do so, broke into a building or occupied structure or separately secured or occupied portion thereof, namely, [REDACTED] Linden Avenue, Edgewood, PA in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §3503(a)(1)(ii).

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt 18 901 A	☐ Solicitation 18 902 A	☐ Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older					
☐	6	907	A	of the	18	1	M1		
Lead?	Offense #	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)		Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone			

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

18 907A POSSESSING INSTRUMENTS OF CRIME - CRIMINAL INSTRUMENTS GENERALLY M1 1 COUNT

The actor possessed one or more instruments of crime, namely, One (1) kitchen knife with intent to employ it or them criminally, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §907(a).



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2. I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
3. I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 PA.C.S. §4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
4. This complaint is comprised of the preceding page(s) numbered through
5. I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing confidential information and documents differently than nonconfidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.

(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

09/24/2026


JEFFREY SMARACHECK/
(Signature of Affiant)

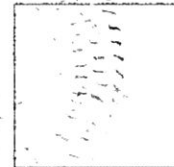
AND NOW, on this date 9/24/26 (Date) I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.

An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

(Magisterial District Court Number)

(Issuing Authority)

KEVIN EUGENE COOPER, JR.,
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 05-3-12
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON THE
FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 2028



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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE**1. WHEN:**

- a) Date when Affiant received information:

9/24/2026

- b) Date when the source of information (Police Officers, Informant, Victim, Co-Defendant, Defendant, etc.) received information:

9/24/2026

2. HOW:

- a) How Affiant knows this particular person committed crime: (personal observation, defendant's admissions, etc.):

Personal observations, victim statements, defendant's admissions, physical evidence, CLEAN/NCIC records, information corroborated among law enforcement.

- b) How the source of information knows this particular person committed the crime:

Personal observations, victim statements, defendant's admissions, physical evidence, CLEAN/NCIC records, information corroborated among law enforcement.

- c) How both Affiant and/or source of information knows that a particular crime has been committed:

Personal observations, victim statements, defendant's admissions, physical evidence, CLEAN/NCIC records, information corroborated among law enforcement.

3. WHAT CRIMES:

18 2501 A CRIMINAL HOMICIDE

18 3502 A1 BURGLARY

18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

18 901 A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT

18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

18 3503 A1II CRIMINAL TRESPASS

18 907 A POSSESSING INSTRUMENTS OF CRIME - CRIMINAL INSTRUMENTS GENERALLY

4. WHERE CRIME(S) COMMITTED:

█ LINDEN AVENUE

5. WHY AFFIANT BELIEVES THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

- X Source is presumed reliable, i.e. other Police Officer, Eyewitness, Victim of Crime, etc.

Source has given information in the past which has led to arrest and/or conviction

- X Defendant's reputation for criminal activity

- X This source made declaration against his/her penal interest to the above offense

- X Affiant and/or other Police Officers corroborated details of the information



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Your affiants, Jeffrey Smaracheck and Blake Maloney, are duly sworn law enforcement officers within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as defined by PA C.S.A. Title 18 §5702. As such, your affiants are empowered to initiate investigations, obtain warrants, and execute arrests pursuant to suspected violations of the statutes enumerated therein. Your affiants possess over 28 years of law enforcement experience and are currently employed by the Allegheny County Police Department as detectives assigned to the Homicide Unit.

The following affidavit has been drafted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause and does not set forth all knowledge or investigation into this matter. Your affiants can attest to its accuracy to the best of knowledge and belief at the time of submission.

All the information contained in this document was learned either directly by your affiants, witness statements, and/or other law enforcement personnel involved in the investigation. Anyone providing information that is contained therein will be available to testify at any and all court proceedings that arise from the issuance of this process.

At times, your affiants may refer to certain victim(s) and/or witness(es) as "Witness" or "Victim" followed by a numerical designation. This has been done to provide a level of anonymity, ensure their safety and preserve the integrity of any future investigation. Your affiants are aware of their true identities, as they've been confirmed through "proof positive" means (i.e., PA Driver's License, PA Identification card, social security number, etc.).

On September 24, 2026 at 12:31 AM, the Edgewood Borough Police Department was dispatched to [REDACTED] Linden Avenue in Edgewood Borough. According to information provided by Allegheny County 9-1-1, a female resident (hereinafter "VICTIM #1") ran to this location suffering from multiple stab wounds and reported to her neighbor that she and her husband (hereinafter "VICTIM #2") were stabbed inside their residence at [REDACTED] Linden Avenue while they were asleep. VICTIM #1 also provided a description of the actor, who was said to be a black male in his underwear. VICTIM #1 was unsure as to how the actor entered the home.

At 12:34 AM, Edgewood Police arrived on scene along with assisting law enforcement personnel from surrounding agencies. As a contingency of first responders attended to VICTIM #1 at [REDACTED] Linden Avenue, police entered [REDACTED] Linden Avenue. While clearing the inside of the residence, officers observed a sizable amount of blood throughout various portions of the home and eventually located VICTIM #2 on the floor of the couple's third-story bedroom. VICTIM #2 was observed to have multiple severe stab wounds and lacerations to his trunk.

As law enforcement initiated a search for the suspect, VICTIM #1 underwent transport to AHN Forbes Regional Hospital in Monroeville, PA for treatment. VICTIM #2, was later transported to UPMC Mercy in Pittsburgh, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at 1:42 AM inside the emergency department by Dr. Peter Allen.

At 1:07 AM, Monroeville Police Officer Louis Cuccaro and his canine partner "Channy" performed a suspect track from [REDACTED] Linden Avenue and located a black male in his underwear behind [REDACTED] Linden Avenue. The male was found to have bleeding lacerations on his hands. Based upon his injuries, physical description, and proximity to the scene, the individual was detained and later identified as 32-year-old Elijah HEMINGWAY. HEMINGWAY was later transported to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh for treatment by police and EMS.

By 1:09 AM, Edgewood Police secured the scene and made a request for investigative assistance from the Allegheny County Police Department Homicide Unit. Affiant Blake Maloney and Detective Nelson Kirksey responded to [REDACTED] Linden Avenue along with Mobile Crime Unit Scientist Naria Ford-Thompson. Detective Abby Weaver, responded to UPMC Mercy Hospital to obtain information from medical personnel in connection with VICTIM #2's death. Affiant Smaracheck responded to AHN Forbes Regional



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Hospital in Monroeville to ascertain the condition of VICTIM #1 and conduct a tentative interview to obtain further details pertaining to the case.

At 1:47 AM, Affiant Maloney and Detective Kirksey arrived on scene in Edgewood and oversaw its processing by Scientist Ford-Thompson. [REDACTED] Linden Avenue could be described as a three-story single-family home that's equipped with five (5) bedrooms and two (2) bathrooms.

While processing the residence and searching for potential evidence, investigators took note of VICTIM #1 and #2's third-story bedroom. This room in particular, contained that largest amount of suspected blood, as it appeared on the room's bed, floor, and walls. In addition, numerous items were knocked over and found to be in disarray inside the room.

In addition to the above findings, detectives also located a large kitchen knife in the third story bathroom of the residence with suspected blood on its surface. The knife was later seized as evidence to undergo forensic testing at the Allegheny County Crime Lab. Further, [REDACTED] Linden Avenue's rear door was found to be open and have blood on its handle. Adjacent to the door, detectives observed an open kitchen window with suspected blood at its base and a Leatherman style multi-tool nearby.

At 1:51 AM, Affiant Smaracheck arrived at Forbes Regional Hospital and conducted an interview with VICTIM #1 inside Room [REDACTED] of the Emergency Department. This interaction was memorialized with Body Worn Camera (BWC).

According to VICTIM #1, she and her husband (VICTIM #2) were sleeping in bed prior to the incident. VICTIM #1 went on to say that at some point, she and VICTIM #2 were woken up to a male physically attacking and stabbing them in bed with a kitchen knife. VICTIM #1 described the male as "psychotic" and said that he repeatedly made utterances about "God" and being "God". VICTIM #1 stated that the actor was in his underwear. During the assault, she recalled her husband addressing the actor as "Elijah" as if he knew him. However, VICTIM #1 indicated that she herself was not familiar with the suspect.

Aside from being stabbed, VICTIM #1 stated that the suspect used other objects in their bedroom as weapons and mentioned a mirror being broken in the process. According to VICTIM #1, she and VICTIM #2 tried fighting back the best of their ability. At one point, VICTIM #1 was able to successfully yell for her 8 and 12-year-old children (who were present inside the home during this incident) to flee the residence and go to their neighbor's house.

Following the assault, VICTIM #1 stated that the suspect demanded her car keys. In response, she gave the male her keys. From there, VICTIM #1 was unable to recall how the suspect left.

At 3:37 AM, Detectives Kirksey and Weaver met with the suspect, Elijah HEMINGWAY, at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital. After being read and acknowledging his Miranda Rights, the male agreed to an interview with investigators that was memorialized with Body Worn Camera (BWC).

During the interview, HEMINGWAY claimed that VICTIM #2 invited him back to his residence at [REDACTED] Linden Avenue in Edgewood hours before. HEMINGWAY stated that when he arrived at the home on his bike, he was allowed inside by VICTIM #2.

HEMINGWAY then went on to allege that VICTIM #2 attacked him with a "Michael Myers" style knife and a physical altercation ensued between him and both victims in the couple's third-floor bedroom. During this struggle, HEMINGWAY said that he was stabbed in the back. It should be noted that detectives confirmed that HEMINGWAY did not have a stab wound on his back during the interview.

HEMINGWAY said that he was ultimately successful in disarming VICTIM #2 and used the knife to repeatedly stab VICTIM#1 and



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VICTIM #2 along with a broken piece of mirror that shattered on the floor. Afterwards, he fled the home through the rear door and hid in a nearby backyard until he was found by police.

It should be noted that throughout HEMINGWAY's interview, the male was unable to provide details relating to where he met VICTIM #2, where he put his bike after arriving at the couple's home (none was on scene), and other specifics to support his account. Further, the male lacked any visible injuries to his body aside from his hands.

Based upon the above noted facts and statements, your affiants respectfully request that the defendant, Elijah HEMINGWAY, be charged with the offenses enumerated within this criminal complaint.

~~Your affiants believe that good cause exists for delaying the dissemination of this arrest warrant information to include the arrest warrant and the affidavit of probable cause based on the following facts: 1) revealing the fact that an arrest warrant exists would allow or enable that actor to flee or to destroy evidence related to the crime(s); 2) delaying the fact that an arrest warrant exists is necessary to protect the safety of law enforcement officers executing the arrest warrant; and 3) delaying the dissemination of the affidavit of probable cause will preserve the integrity of this investigation.~~

~~Your affiants and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office believe that there are no reasonable alternative means available to protect the interests threatened by disclosure of this affidavit of probable cause and the arrest warrant.~~

~~This affidavit of probable cause has been reviewed by ADA Brittany Felder who respectfully requests that the dissemination of this criminal complaint and arrest warrant be delayed by 72 hours to preserve the integrity of this investigation under the authority of the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure 513 C.~~



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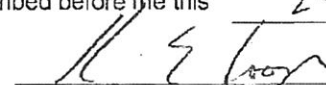
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I, JEFFREY SMARACHECK, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.


JEFFREY SMARACHECK/

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 24th day of September, 2026
Date , Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

KEVIN EUGENE COOPER, JR.,
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT 05-3-12
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