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ARREST MADE IN ADAMS COUNTY COURTHOUSE MOLOTOV COCKTAIL INCIDENT

Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinnett announced today that charges have been filed against Samson Paul Yohe, age 27, of Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for his actions in throwing an incendiary device, commonly referred to a Molotov cocktail, through the window of the Adams County Courthouse on December 22, 2019. Charges including Weapons of Mass Destruction, Arson and related charges, were filed by Gettysburg Borough Police Detective Dennis Bevenour at Magisterial District Judge Matthew Harvey's Office today. *See attached Police Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Probable Cause*. District Attorney Sinnett thanked the Gettysburg Borough Police who conducted a quick and thorough investigation in which they were assisted by the Adams County Detectives and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

District Attorney Sinnett also thanked members of the public for their diligence in making referrals to law enforcement and in sharing information that was put out publicly through various media sources regarding this investigation. "This appears to have been an isolated incident conducted by a single perpetrator at this time. Although many components of this investigation are still taking place and every effort to turn over every bit of evidence will be exhausted, it is comforting to know that law enforcement acted so expediently in bringing charges in this case." Sinnett also indicated that "although these charges are extremely serious and carry with them potential penalties of several decades in prison, as a community we are thankful that no one was injured in this inexcusable act."

In this case, as with all criminal prosecutions, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: ADAMS

Magisterial District Number: 51-3-01
MDJ: Hon. Matthew Harvey
Address: 525 Boyds School Road, #900
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Telephone: (717) 334-7913

POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS.

DEFENDANT: *(NAME and ADDRESS):*

Samson	Paul	Yohe	
First Name	*Middle Name*	*Last Name*	*Gen.*

150 Carlisle St, Rear Apt, Gettysburg, PA 17325

NCIC Extradition Code Type

- [x] 1-Felony Full
- [ ] 2-Felony Ltd.
- [ ] 3-Felony Surrounding States
- [ ] 4-Felony No Ext.
- [ ] 5-Felony Pend.
- [ ] 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.
- [ ] A-Misdemeanor Full
- [ ] B-Misdemeanor Limited
- [ ] C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States
- [ ] D-Misdemeanor No Extradition
- [ ] E-Misdemeanor Pending
- [ ] F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.
- [ ] Distance: _____

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Docket Number	Date Filed	OTN/LiveScan Number	Complaint/Incident Number	Request Lab Services?
	01/02/2020		1912-0038-I	[ ] YES [x] NO

GENDER: [x] Male [ ] Female

DOB 03/03/1992 | POB , PA | Add'l DOB 03/03/1992 | Co-Defendant(s) [ ]

First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Gen.

AKA

RACE: [x] White [ ] Asian [ ] Black [ ] Native American [ ] Unknown

ETHNICITY: [ ] Hispanic [x] Non-Hispanic [ ] Unknown

HAIR COLOR: [ ] GRY (Gray) [ ] RED (Red/Aubn.) [ ] SDY (Sandy) [ ] BLU (Blue) [ ] PLE (Purple) [ ] BRO (Brown) [x] BLK (Black) [ ] ONG (Orange) [ ] WHI (White) [ ] XXX (Unk./Bald) [ ] GRN (Green) [ ] PNK (Pink) [ ] BLN (Blonde / Strawberry)

EYE COLOR: [ ] BLK (Black) [x] BLU (Blue) [ ] BRO (Brown) [ ] GRN (Green) [ ] GRY (Gray) [ ] HAZ (Hazel) [ ] MAR (Maroon) [ ] PNK (Pink) [ ] MUL (Multicolored) [ ] XXX (Unknown)

DNA: [ ] YES [x] NO | DNA Location | WEIGHT (lbs.)

FBI Number: 1K99H2CPA | MNU Number

Defendant Fingerprinted: [ ] YES [x] NO | Ft. HEIGHT In.

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, Dennis Bevenour (Name of the Affiant) | 5876 / #9-1 (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #

of Gettysburg Borough Police Dept. (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) | 0010100 (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

1. [x] 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 [01407] (Subdivision Code) Gettysburg Borough Police (Place-Political Subdivision)
   Adams County Courthouse, 117 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325
   in Adams County [01] (County Code) on or about Sun - 12/22/2019 23:00 hrs. to Mon - 12/23/2019 00:55 hrs. (Offense Date)

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Defendant Name	First: Samson	Middle: Paul	Last: Yohe

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.

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt *18 901 A*	☐ Solicitation *18 902 A*	☐ Conspiracy *18 903*	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0

Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
☒	1	3301	C1	of the	18	1	F2	2009	090

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):
ARSON AND RELATED OFFENSES

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:
CC3301C1 - ARSON AND RELATED OFFENSES

(c) Arson endangering property. - A person commits a felony of the second degree if he intentionally starts a fire or causes an explosion, whether on his own property or that of another, or if he aids, counsels, pays or agrees to pay another to cause a fire or explosion, and if: (1) he commits the act with intent of destroying or damaging a building or unoccupied structure of another;

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt *18 901 A*	☐ Solicitation *18 902 A*	☐ Conspiracy *18 903*	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0

Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
☐	2	3302	B	of the	18	1	F3	2009	090

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):
CAUSING OR RISKING CATASTROPHE

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:
CC3302B - CAUSING OR RISKING CATASTROPHE

(b) Risking catastrophe. - A person is guilty of a felony of the third degree if he recklessly creates a risk of catastrophe in the employment of fire, explosives or other dangerous means listed in subsection (a) of this section.

Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt *18 901 A*	☐ Solicitation *18 902 A*	☐ Conspiracy *18 903*	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0

Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
☐	3	2716	A	of the	18	1	F2	2099	150

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number		☐ Interstate	☐ Safety Zone	☐ Work Zone

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):
Weapons of Mass Destruction-unlawful poss./manufacture

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:
CC2716A - Weapons of Mass Destruction-unlawful poss./manufacture

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Defendant Name	First: Samson	Middle: Paul	Last: Yohe

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.
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Inchoate Offense	☐ Attempt *18 901 A*	☐ Solicitation *18 902 A*	☐ Conspiracy *18 903*

Number of Victims Age 60 or Older 0

☐ Lead?	4 Offense#	3301 Section	A2a.2 Subsection	of the	Title 18 PA Statute (Title)	1 Counts	F2 Grade	2009 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):
Arson of Historic Resource

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:
CC3301A2a.2 - Arson of Historic Resource

A person commits a Felony of the 2nd degree if the person, with the intent of destroying or damaging a historic resource of another.

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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 consists of the preceding page(s) numbered _1_ through _4_.

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 non-confidential 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.)

January 2, 2020
(Date)

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this 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.

51-3-01
(Magisterial District Court Number)

(Issuing Authority)

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Defendant Name:	First: Samson	Middle: Paul	Last: Yohe

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

On 12/23/2019 your Affiant, Investigator Dennis Bevenour, employed by the Gettysburg Police Department, was assigned to investigate an incendiary device that was thrown at the Adams County Court House, 111-117 Baltimore Street, Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania 17325.

Investigation revealed that on 22 December, 2019 at or about 2304 hours an unknown subject threw an incendiary device at a window at the Adams County Court House breaking the window. Your Affiant observed photos of the device and observed the device consisted of a yellow bottle, antique in appearance, filled with a liquid and had a white cotton sock with elastic top, used as a wick, which the individual lit prior to throwing. Also in the bottle were green-tipped matches. I observed surveillance videos which show the individual's physical appearance and clothing, and the actions taken before, during and after the device was thrown. The videos show the individual, who is described as a light complected individual approximately 5'8" in height, thin build, wearing dark shoes with a light colored design on the front and a white sole. The individual had on loose fitting blue jeans, a black jacket, a mask coving part of their face and a black hoodie. The individual is shown to be carrying a gray backpack with black accents.

Officer Christopher Evans, Gettysburg Police Department told your Affiant he had identified the make of shows worn by the individual as Athletic Works brand shoes, which are identified by the distinctive pattern of the accent on the front of the shoe. Further investigation identified the backpack as Ozark Trail brand, identified by the pattern on the backpack. Officer Evans personally visited Walmart as well as researched these items on line, which led to this identification.

Your Affiant learned Samson Paul Yohe had previous adjudications for and convictions for the crimes of Terroristic Threats, (Adams County 2007), Aggravated Assault (York County 2018), and Aggravated Harassment by Prisoner (Lebanon County, 2017).

On 31 December, 2019, Officer Bryan Holden and Dillan Kuhn, Gettysburg Police Department, working uniformed patrol, made contact with Samson Paul Yohe at the rear of 128 carlisle Street, Gettysburg Borough, Adams County, PA 17325, an area under construction, an area under construction. During his contact Officer Holden observed that Yohe was wearing Athletic Works brand shoes which appear identical in pattern and appearance to the shoes described above, as well as loose fitting blue jeans and a camouflage mask which covered the bottom portion of his face.

On 2 January, 2020, a search warrant, #DA2019-75(A), was approved by Magistrate Matthew Harvey and served on Samson Paul Yohe at 150 Carlisle Street, rear apartment. Seized were a pair of Athletic Works brand shoes with the same pattern as the individual was wearing. An Ozark Trails backpack with the same pattern the individual was wearing. The backpack contained 8

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I, DENNIS BEVENOUR, 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.

_____
(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ _____

_____ Date _____, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,

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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

boxes of Diamond brand green tip matches, like those seen in the incendiary device. Plastic bottle of Expert Grill lighter fluid. Plastic bottle of Clover Valley vegetable oil. A pair of brown/black gloves and a camo balaclava scarf. During the search Your Affiant observed many glass antique bottles similar to the one used in the commission of this offense .

Your Affiant reasonably believes that Samson Paul Yohe is the individual who on 22 December, 2019, threw the incendiary device at the Adams County Court House window.

(Signature of Affiant)

CONFIDENTIAL

Confidential Information Form
Criminal Complaint

Complete the defendant's SSN information if known. If this form is submitted as part of a Police Criminal Complaint, the NCIC Cautions/Medical Conditions and Scars/Marks/Tattoos sections should also be completed if known.

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NCIC Cautions and Medical Conditions *(check up to 9)*				
☐ 00	☐ 20	☐ 50	☐ 70	☐ 01
☐ 05	☐ 25	☐ 55	☐ 80	
☐ 10	☐ 30	☐ 60	☐ 85	
☐ 15	☐ 40	☐ 65	☐ 90	

Scars, Marks, Tattoos (NCIC Codes)	

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This Information Pertains to:	Confidential Information:	Reference in Filing:
Samson Paul Yohe (full name of adult) OR This information pertains to a minor with the initials of_____ and the full name of _____ (full name of minor) and date of birth:_____	Social Security Number (SSN): 160-76-7430 Financial Account Number (FAN): Driver's License Number (DLN): 31387132 State of Issuance (DLN): PA Expires (DLN): State Identification Number (SID): PA43250582	Alternate Reference: SSN1 Alternate Reference: FAN1 Alternate Reference: DLN1 Alternate Reference: SID1

Additional page(s) attached. _____ total pages are attached to this filing.

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_____
Signature of Attorney or Affiant

_____
Date

Name: _____

Attorney Number: (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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