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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**August 20, 2019**

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**FORMER ADAMS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CHARGED WITH SIMPLE ASSAULT AND OFFICIAL OPPRESSION**

Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinnett announced today that charges of Simple Assault and Official Oppression have been filed against Nicholas John Sekela, of Gettysburg, involving actions he took while employed at the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex. Following an investigation by Trooper Cameron Beck of the Pennsylvania State Police, charges were filed against Sekela alleging Simple Assault and Official Oppression. *See attached Criminal Complaint and Affidavit of Probable Cause.* This matter has been filed via summons and presently a Preliminary Hearing is scheduled for October 2, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

Sinnett thanked the Pennsylvania State Police for their thorough investigation in this matter as well as the cooperation of the staff of the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex including Warden Katy Hileman. The Warden and the other members of the staff involved cooperated thoroughly throughout the investigation. Sinnett indicated that the facility is staffed by conscientious professionals who perform in their various roles in an exceptional manner each and every day. This one isolated action by a rogue former employee should not be meant to construe the facility in any other way.

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

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**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.**

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF: **ADAMS**

Magisterial District Number: **51-3-01**  
MDJ Name: Hon. **MATTHEW R. HARVEY**  
Address: **525 BOYDS SCHOOL RD  
SUITE 900  
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
Telephone: **717-334-7913**

DEFENDANT: **(NAME and ADDRESS):**  
**NICHOLAS JOHN SEKELA**  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.  
**60 E. WATER ST.,  
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
**973-557-6733**

**NCIC EXTRADITION CODE TYPE**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Felony Full	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-Felony Pend.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States	Distance:
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Felony Ltd.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.	<input type="checkbox"/> D-Misdemeanor No Extradition	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Felony Surrounding States	<input type="checkbox"/> A-Misdemeanor Full	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Misdemeanor Pending	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Felony No Ext.	<input type="checkbox"/> B-Misdemeanor Limited	<input type="checkbox"/> F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.	

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Docket Number <b>CR344-19</b>	Date Filed <b>8-19-19</b>	OTN/LiveScan Number <b>U740038-5</b>	Complaint/Incident Number <b>PA19-579893</b>	Request Lab Services? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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GENDER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	DOB <b>03/23/65</b>	POB	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant(s) <input type="checkbox"/>
AKA	First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	Gen.

**RACE**  White  Asian  Black  Native American  Unknown

**ETHNICITY**  Hispanic  Non-Hispanic  Unknown

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

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

**DNA**  YES  NO **DNA Location**

**FBI Number** **MNU Number** **Ft. HEIGHT In.**

**Defendant Fingerprinted**  YES  NO **5 8**

**Fingerprint Classification:**

**DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Plate #	State	Hazmat <input type="checkbox"/>	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Comm'l Veh. Ind. <input type="checkbox"/>	School Veh. <input type="checkbox"/>	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <input type="checkbox"/>
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, Pa.R.Crim.P.507.)*

(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

I, **TPR. CAMERON BECK** **00700187/12249**  
(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type) (PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of the **Pennsylvania State Police, Troop H, Gettysburg** **PAPSP3100**  
(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 is 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: **219 45 MAJOR BELL LN (ADAMS COUNTY PRISON),**  
(Subdivision Code) **STRABAN TWP.,**  
(Place-Political Subdivision)

in **ADAMS** County **01** on or about **04/27/19, APPROXIMATELY 1116 HOURS**  
(County Code) (Offense Date)



# POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Docket Number: <i>CL 344-19</i>	Date Filed: <i>8/19/19</i>	OTN/LiveScan Number: <i>U7400385</i>	Complaint/Incident Number PA19-579893
Defendant Name	First: NICHOLAS	Middle: JOHN	Last: SEKELA

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	<b>1</b>	2701	(a)(1)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	M2		04E/13B
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**Simple Assault**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
 IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did attempt to cause or did intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause bodily injury to another. (Except as provided under section 2702 relating to aggravated assault.)

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	<b>2</b>	5301	(1)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	M2		260/90Z
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**Official Oppression**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
 In that, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did act or purported to act in an official capacity or took advantage of such actual or purported capacity if, knowing that his conduct was illegal, he subjected another to arrest, detention, search, seizure, mistreatment, dispossession, assessment, lien or other infringement of personal or property rights.



# POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Docket Number: <i>CE 3-14-19</i>	Date Filed: <i>18-19-19</i>	OTN/LiveScan Number <i>U740038-5</i>	Complaint/Incident Number PA19-579893
Defendant Name	First: NICHOLAS	Middle: JOHN	Last: SEKELA

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older: 0
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<input type="checkbox"/> Lead?	3	2709	(a)(1)	of the	Title 18 , PA Crimes Code	1	S		04E/13B
	Offense #	Section	Subsection		PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code

PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate	<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone
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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):

**Harassment**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT, with intent to harass, annoy or alarm another person, namely Elijah Ezekial CLARK-BREAM, did strike, shove, kick or otherwise subject such other person to physical contact, or did attempt or threaten to do the same, in that THE DEFENDANT did spray the victim in the face with oleoresin capsicum (OC), in violation of Section 2709(a)(1) of the PA Crimes Code.



# POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Docket Number: <i>CE34419</i>	Date Filed: <i>8-19-19</i>	OTN/LiveScan Number <i>U74003&amp;5</i>	Complaint/Incident Number PA19-579893
Defendant Name	First: NICHOLAS	Middle: JOHN	Last: SEKELA

- 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.
- 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.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered 1 through 4
- 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.)**

*AUGUST 19, 2019*

(Date)

*T.M. Curran*

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, *August 19, 2019*, 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.

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(Magisterial District Court Number)

*[Signature]*

(Issuing Authority)



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

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**AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE**

Your affiant is a member of the Pennsylvania State Police and is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Gettysburg Barracks. I have been so employed by the Pennsylvania State Police since February 2013. My current assignments involve investigating misdemeanor/felony offenses which are alleged to have occurred in Adams County, PA.

On 05/02/19, approximately 1200 hours, PSP Gettysburg received a call from Warden Katy L. HILEMAN with the Adams County Prison (ACP) located at 45 Major Bell Ln., Straban Twp., Adams County. Warden HILEMAN related that an incident occurred on 04/27/19 between a correction officer and an inmate at ACP. It was reported that an inmate who was identified as Elijah Ezekial CLARK-BREAM, was oleoresin capsicum (OC) sprayed by Correction Officer Nicholas SEKELA. Warden HILEMAN then provided a copy of the video surveillance upon my arrival at ACP on 05/02/19, approximately 1230 hours.

Upon reviewing video surveillance at ACP, I observed CLARK-BREAM calmly standing in the middle of cell block "2A" handcuffed after he was instructed to stop walking by CO Thomas HUDAK. I then observed CO SEKELA walking towards CLARK-BREAM shaking a bottle of OC spray. Once CO SEKELA approached CLARK-BREAM, he immediately sprayed him in the face area with the OC spray. During this time, CLARK-BREAM is still observed calmly standing there handcuffed. CO SEKELA then appears to spray CLARK-BREAM a second time in the face with OC spray causing him to fall to the floor.

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I, TPR. CAMERON BECK, 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.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 19th day of August 2019

08/19/2019 Date *[Handwritten Signature]*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January, 2020



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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE

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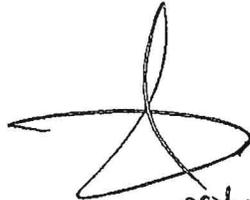
**AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION**

While reviewing video surveillance, CLARK-BREAM was never observed resisting, attempting to harm others or himself, damaging property, committing a crime, or attempting to escape.

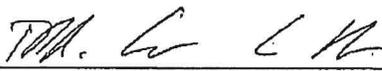
During an interview with CLARK-BREAM, he related that CO SEKELA OC sprayed him in the face without any verbal commands. He related that he didn't sustain any other injuries other than the side effects from the OC spray that he said lasted for 2 days.

Multiple attempts to interview CO SEKELA were unsuccessful.

Based on the aforementioned, I respectfully request that the Defendant, Nicholas SEKELA, be brought to this court to answer to these charges.

  
08/19/19



  
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(Signature of Affiant)