

# POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA VS.

**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**COUNTY OF: DAUPHIN**



Magisterial District Number: 12-1-02  
MDJ Hon. **PIANKA, J. MATTHEW**  
Address: **451 MALL ROAD**  
**HARRISBURG, PA 17111**  
Telephone: **(717) 238-3388**

**DEFENDANT:** (NAME and ADDRESS)  
**CODY** **A** **BALMER**  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen  
**2741 BOAS ST,**  
**HARRISBURG, PA 17103**

**NCIC Extradition Code Type**

NCIC Extradition Code Type **1 - FELONY FULL** Distance

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

Docket Number <b>CR-22525</b>	Date Filed <b>04/13/2025</b>	OTN/Live Scan Number <b>E10117914</b>	Complaint Number <b>H1AEB7S28I</b>	Incident Number <b>PA 2025-437604</b>	Request Lab Services <b>YES</b>
Gender <b>M</b>	Date of Birth <b>03/23/1987</b>	POB <b>PA - USA</b>	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant? <b>NO</b>	
Defendant Also Known As	Defendant's First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	
Race <b>WHITE - W</b>	Ethnicity <b>NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N</b>				
Hair Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>	Eye Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>				
DNA <b>YES</b>	DNA Location <b>3</b>	Weight <b>134 LBS</b>		Height <b>5' 11"</b>	
FBI Number <b>247691XF8</b>	MNU Number				
Defendant Fingerprinted <b>YES</b>	Fingerprint Classification				

**DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Plate #	State	HazMat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Commercial Vehicle?	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <b>NO</b>
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the Attorney of 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.)

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY FRAN CHARDO**  
(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

I, **TPR. MICHAEL GRAGG / CPL. JAMES NEWCOMB** **768887/14279** **678650/12055**  
(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type) (PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of **PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, TROOP H, HARRISBURG** **PAPSP3600**  
(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: **301** **2035 N. FRONT ST. (GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE),**  
(Subdivision Code) **HARRISBURG CITY**  
(Place-Political Subdivision)

in **DAUPHIN** County **22** on or about **04/13/2025 AT APPROX. 01:43 HRS**  
(County Code) (Offense Date)



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Defendant Name	First <b>CODY</b>	Middle <b>A</b>	Last <b>BALMER</b>	

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 checked="" 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				
Lead? YES	Offense # <b>1</b>	Section <b>2501</b>	Subsection <b>A</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>F1</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>0999</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

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

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**Cody BALMER did attempt to commit a crime 2501 A IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently attempt to cause the death of another human being by criminal homicide (murder-criminal attempt).**

**To wit: Def. intentionally deployed several incendiary devices inside the Governor's Residence causing significant fire damage. This conduct placed the Governor and/or his family and anyone else in the residence at risk of death.**

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				
Lead? NO	Offense # <b>2</b>	Section <b>3301</b>	Subsection <b>A.11II</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>F1</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>2006</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**AGGRAVATED ARSON - PERSON PRESENT INSIDE PROPERTY**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did intentionally start a fire or cause an explosion, or aided, counseled, payed or agreed to pay another to cause a fire or explosion, whether on his property or on that of another and he committed an offense under this section which is graded as a felony when a person is present inside the property at the time of the offense.**

**To wit: Def. did enter the Governor's Residence with homemade incendiary devices and subsequently deployed them. These incendiary devices caused significant damage to the Governor's Residence while it was occupied by numerous individuals.**



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Defendant Name	First <b>CODY</b>	Middle <b>A</b>	Last <b>BALMER</b>	

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Lead? NO	Offense # 3	Section 3502	Subsection A11I	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F1	NCIC Offense Code 2299	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)	Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO		Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO	

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

**BURGLARY - OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS;PERSON PRESENT**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did enter a building or occupied structure, or separately secured or occupied portion thereof that is adapted for overnight accommodations in which at the time of the offense any person is present.**

**To wit: Def. did enter the Governor's Residence while it was occupied by numerous individuals and deployed several incendiary devices.**

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				
Lead? NO	Offense # 4	Section 2705	Subsection	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade M2	NCIC Offense Code 1399	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)	Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO		Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO	

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

**RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did recklessly engage in conduct which placed or may have placed all persons present in the Governor's Residence in danger of death or serious bodily injury, that is to say Cody BALMER did manufacture multiple incendiary devices and then deployed them inside the Governor's Residence resulting in significant fire damage to the residence which exposed all present to significant risk, in violation of Section 2705 of the PA Crimes Code.**

**To wit: Def. did deploy numerous incendiary devices within the Governor's Residence placing the Governor and/or his family and anyone else in the residence in danger of death or serious bodily injury.**



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Lead? NO	Offense # 5	Section 2717	Subsection A3	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F1	NCIC Offense Code 2006	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO	Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**TERRORISM - AFFECT THE CONDUCT OF A GOVERNMENT**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did commit a violent offense intending to affect the conduct of a government.**  
  
**To wit: Def. with the intent to influence the policy of the government by intimidation or coercion to affect the conduct of the government, committed a violent offense, to wit, aggravated arson.**

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				
Lead? NO	Offense # 6	Section 2702	Subsection A2	PA Statute (Title) 18	Count 1	Grade F1	NCIC Offense Code 1399	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator NO	Safety Zone NO		Work Zone NO	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE OR CAUSES SBI TO DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER did attempt to cause or did intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause serious bodily injury to an enumerated person or to an employee of an agency, company, or other entity engaged in public transportation, namely Governor Joshua SHAPIRO and Pennsylvania State Troopers while in the performance of duty, that is to say Cody BALMER did deploy several incendiary devices into the Governor's Residence while occupied by the aforementioned individuals, in violation of Section 2702(a)(2) of the PA Crimes Code.**  
  
**To wit: Def. deployed incendiary devices within the Governor's Residence, in an attempt to cause serious bodily injury to the Governor of Pennsylvania as well as Pennsylvania State Troopers present at the Governor's Residence.**



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Lead? NO	Offense # <b>7</b>	Section <b>5506</b>	Subsection	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>M3</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>5311</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (if applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

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

**LOITERING AND PROWLING AT NIGHT TIME**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:

**IN THAT, on or about said date, Cody BALMER, at night time, did maliciously loiter or maliciously prowl around a dwelling house or any other place used wholly or in part for living or dwelling purposes, belonging to or occupied by another.**

**To wit: Def. did enter the Governor's Residence at approximately 0130 hours when he was not authorized to do so. Def. walked the property, broke several windows, deployed incendiary devices inside the residence, and entered the residence.**

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				
Lead? NO	Offense # <b>8</b>	Section <b>2702</b>	Subsection <b>A2</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>F1</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>1399</b>	UCR/NIBRS
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Defendant Name	Defendant's First Name <u>CODY</u>	Middle Name <u>A</u>	Last Name <u>BALMER</u>	

- 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 6
- 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 statute 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.)

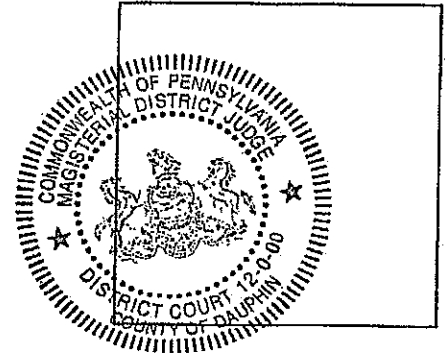
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(Date)

Tpr. [Signature] (GRAGG)  
(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, 4-13-25 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.

12-1-02  
(Magisterial District Court Number)

[Signature]  
(Issuing Authority)



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Defendant Name	First CODY	Middle A	Last BALMER	

AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiants, Trooper Michael GRAGG and Corporal James Newcomer, are members of the Pennsylvania State Police Harrisburg Criminal Investigation Unit. Your affiants have eight (8) and eighteen (18) years, respectively, of law enforcement experience.

On 04/13/25, the Pennsylvania State Police were advised of a fire that occurred at the Governor's Residence located at 2035 North Front Street, Dauphin County, PA. This address falls within the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania State Police. Upon arrival, it was learned that numerous security cameras captured footage depicting an individual forcing entry into the residence and intentionally igniting the fire. Further, it was learned that Governor Joshua SHAPIRO and First Lady Lori SHAPIRO were inside the residence at the time as well as additional guests and staff members.

Video footage was obtained from security cameras positioned both within and outside the residence. Upon review of the footage the defendant, later identified as Cody BALMER, was observed climbing over an exterior perimeter fence, which parallels Geiger Street. The defendant was observed wearing a black "Snap-On" jacket, black boots, and carrying a bag. The defendant approached the piano room windows on the south side of the Governor's Residence and proceeded to break an exterior window. The defendant then threw an incendiary device into the residence through the broken window. After throwing the device, flames were observed on the interior of the residence. The defendant then moved to an adjacent window and again, broke the glass. The defendant proceeded through the broken window and entered the residence. Once inside, the defendant deployed a second incendiary device in the dining room, resulting in additional areas of the residence catching fire. After throwing the second incendiary device, the defendant approached the dining room exit. Upon reviewing video footage captured by a surveillance camera at this location it became apparent that the defendant was wearing two different colored gloves, one orange and one yellow. The defendant kicked the dining room door open and exited the residence. The defendant was observed leaving the property toward the same direction he had entered, and by climbing over the perimeter fence along Geiger St. The defendant was finally observed running through a parking lot and away from the Governor's Residence in a southeast direction.

I, TPR. MICHAEL GRAGG / CPL. JAMES NEWCOMER 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.

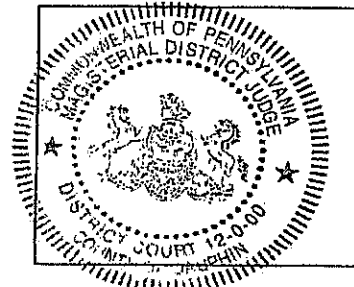
*TPR. M. Gragg* (GRAGG) *CPL. J. Newcomer* (Newcomer)  
(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025

4/13/25 Date Dee P. Ke..., Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January, '28

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AFFIDAVIT CONTINUATION PAGE**

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**AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION**

through a parking lot and away from the Governor's Residence in a southeast direction.

As part of the subsequent investigation, investigators performed a search of the Governor's Residence for evidence associated with this incident. Significant fire damage was observed throughout both the piano room and dining room. Additionally, two broken glass bottles were found in the dining room, both of which were identified members of the Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal Unit as Heineken beer bottles containing gasoline. Additionally, investigators performed a canvass of the area surrounding the Governor's Residence.

By way of collecting a number of videos captured by privately-owned security cameras, members identified the path taken by the defendant after fleeing the residence. More specifically, the defendant was observed traveling east on Peffer St. As a result, members conducted a sweep of Peffer St. and located two gloves, matching those worn by the defendant as depicted in surveillance footage, were located in a trash receptacle.

The gloves were seized and described as having a strong smell of gasoline emanating from them.

During this investigation, PSP Harrisburg was contacted by a female who advised that her ex-paramour, Cody BALMER (DOB:03/23/1987) was the individual responsible for setting the fire at the Governor's Residence. When asked why this individual believed BALMER set the fire, this individual related BALMER confessed to the act and wanted her to call police to turn him in. A short time later a member of the Pennsylvania State Police was approached outside Department Headquarters, located on Elmerton Avenue, by a male identified as Cody BALMER. BALMER informed the Trooper he was responsible for the fire in the governor's residence, and wished to turn himself in. BALMER was then transported to PSP-Harrisburg where he was interviewed in relation to this investigation.

Prior to interviewing BALMER, he was advised of Miranda Warnings. BALMER advised that he understood his rights and agreed to speak with Troopers. During this interview, BALMER admitted to harboring hatred towards Governor SHAPIRO. He advised on the date in question he removed gasoline from a lawn mower and poured it into Heineken Bottles he found at his residence. BALMER advised he walked for approximately one hour from his residence to the Governor's Residence with the intention of throwing his homemade Molotov cocktails into the residence. BALMER admitted that, once at the residence, he scaled the perimeter fence, broke two windows with a hammer, and threw the Molotov cocktails inside. BALMER also advised that prior to committing these acts, he was aware his actions would result in negative consequences. When asked if he was aware that Governor SHAPIRO and others were home at the time of this act, BALMER advised that he was aware this was a possibility. BALMER also admitted that he knew it was a possibility people could be injured by his actions. BALMER was asked specifically what he would have done if Governor SHAPIRO found him inside of his residence to which he advised he would have beaten him with his hammer. BALMER also advised that after leaving the Governor's Residence, he returned to his residence where he removed his clothing worn during the commission of these acts. As a result, Troopers responded to BALMER's residence and seized a "Snap-On" Jacket, black bag, and a small sledge hammer which were identical to those observed in the surveillance at the Governor's Residence. At the conclusion of this interview, BALMER was processed and transported to Dauphin County Prison for arraignment.

Your affiants believe that based off the information contained here within, probable cause has been established to warrant the listed charges. I respectfully request that BALMER respond to these charges set forth.

  
 (GKAGG)  
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 (Signature of Affiant)