

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
: DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

V.

: NO(S): 3579 CR 2025

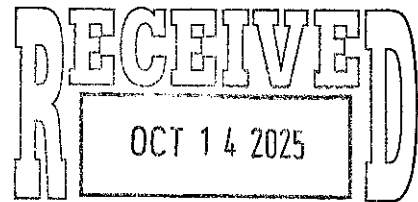
CODY BALMER

: CHARGE(S): CRIMINAL ATTEMPT (MURDER);  
: TERRORISM; AGGRAVATED ARSON;  
: ARSON (22); BURGLARY; AA; REAP (15);

**GUILTY PLEA COLLOQUY**

**CHARGE/CHARGES & GRADE/GRADES:**

1. CRIMINAL ATTEMPT (MURDER) – HOMICIDE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE.
2. TERRORISM – FELONY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE.
3. AGGRAVATED ARSON – FELONY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE
4. ARSON – FELONY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE (22 COUNTS)
5. BURGLARY – FELONY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE.
6. AGGRAVATED ASSAULT – FELONY 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE.
7. RECKLESSLY ENDANGERING ANOTHER PERSON – MISDEMEANOR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE. (15 COUNTS)



By: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT:**

1. FORTY (40) YEARS, AND FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS.
2. TWENTY (20) YEARS, AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS.
3. TWENTY (20) YEARS, AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS.
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5. TWENTY (20) YEARS, AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS.
6. TWENTY (20) YEARS, AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$25,000) DOLLARS.
7. TWO (2) YEARS, AND FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS. (15 COUNTS)

**TOTAL MAXIMUMS:**

YEAR(S): 590 YEARS

FINE: \$775,000.00

I, CODY BALMER, being 38 Years of age and having completed the 12th GRADE of my formal education, being able to read, write initialed and/or signed this document intending to be my written representation to enter a plea of guilty according to the terms and conditions herein stated. I understand by pleading guilty that I am giving up certain constitutional rights:

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(a) The right to a jury trial. Twelve citizens of Dauphin County - whom I help select - listen to the facts, and based on the evidence, decide whether I am guilty or not guilty. All twelve jurors must agree that I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of each element of the crimes charged.

(b) The right to a non-jury trial. This means that the judge hears the testimony and based on the testimony decides the facts and must be convinced of my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt of each element of the crimes charged.

I further understand that in either a jury or a non-jury trial, I have the following rights:

(a) I am presumed to be innocent.

(b) I have the right through my attorney to file pretrial motions.

(c) I have the right through my attorney to cross-examine all the Commonwealth's witnesses.

(d) I have the right to present evidence on my own behalf, to call witnesses on my behalf and subpoena records in my defense.

(e) I have the right to testify on my own behalf, however, I cannot be forced to testify. If I choose not to testify it cannot be used against me.

I understand that by pleading guilty, I am giving up all the above-listed rights because I am admitting to the facts and admitting my guilt.

I realize that by pleading guilty, I am waiving any possible defense that I think might be applicable in this case and there will not be a further trial of any kind.

I understand that when anyone pleads guilty, the only things that can be raised on appeal are the voluntariness of the plea, the jurisdiction of this court to hear the plea and the legality of whatever sentence is imposed.

I am represented by an attorney from the Office of Public Defender, of Dauphin County; I understand that I have a right to be represented by an attorney at every stage of these proceedings against me and, if necessary, one will be appointed to represent me free of cost.

I understand I have been charged with the crimes outlined on page 1 of this colloquy. My attorney has explained to me the charges and all the legal elements that make up each and every charge and the maximum punishments which may be imposed upon me in reference to those charges and the maximum penalties associated with them. I have discussed my case with my attorney and am satisfied with his representation in these proceedings.

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There have been no threats or promises made to me pursuant to entering this plea of guilty (other than any plea agreement that has been negotiated for me by myself or my attorney which is attached hereto).

**In the absence of a negotiated plea deal, the court can impose sentences that are consecutive (meaning one sentence does not begin until the other ends) to each other or any other sentence or concurrent (meaning all sentences run together at the same time) or a combination of concurrent and consecutive if there are multiple counts or multiple dockets.**

**If you receive a sentence of probation or restrictive probation (if such a sentence is permissible) and you violate any of the conditions of your sentence, you could be subject to revocation of probation or restrictive probation. In that event, the judge could re-sentence you to any lawful sentence not to exceed the maximums outlined on Page 1 of this document.**

I am satisfied that my plea is voluntarily made and in my best interests and am therefore admitting to the charges and entering my plea of guilty.

Therefore, I affirm that I have read the above document in its entirety and I understand its full meaning, and I wish to enter a plea of guilty to the offense or offenses specified. I also affirm that my answers are true and correct. I understand that this document will be presented to the court and made a part of the record; that if I answer the above questions falsely, my answers later may be used against me in a prosecution for unsworn falsification. This document consists of \_\_\_ typewritten pages.

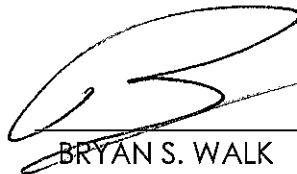
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DEFENDANT

I, Bryan S. Walk, First Assistant Public Defender, attorney for the defendant, state that I have advised my client of the content and meaning of this document; that it is my belief that he/she understands what he/she is doing by pleading guilty.

DATE: 10/14/25



BRYAN S. WALK  
FIRST ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER

### **POST-SENTENCING RIGHTS**

I understand that I have ten (10) days from the day of sentencing to file any post-trial motions with the sentencing court. Additionally, I understand that I have thirty (30) days from the day of sentencing, or thirty (30) days from the day the motions to modify are ruled upon, in order to file an appeal with the Pennsylvania Superior Court. I understand that I may have to file a post-trial motion in order to protect some of my appellate rights.



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**PLEA NEGOTIATION**

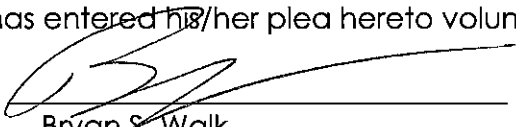
I, CODY BALMER, the defendant in the above-captioned matter, do hereby enter my plea of guilty to the above-captioned charges in exchange for the following:

**I will receive a sentence of not less than twenty-five (25) years nor more than fifty (50) years.**

I understand that should this plea negotiation not be accepted by the Court of Common Pleas that I may withdraw my plea without prejudice to my case. I am hereby voluntarily entering my plea of guilty as outlined above.

  
DEFENDANT

I, Bryan S. Walk, First Assistant Public Defender, state that I have advised my client of his/her right to withdraw his/her guilty plea should the plea negotiation as outlined above not be accepted by the Court. Further, it is my belief that he/she understands the plea negotiation as outlined above and has entered his/her plea hereto voluntarily.

  
Bryan S. Walk  
Attorney for Defendant