

COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA
COUNTY OF: MONTGOMERY
Magisterial District Number: 38-1-11
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POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
VS.

DEFENDANT:

(NAME and ADDRESS)

Sean

David

Farrel

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

ORIGINAL

NCIC Extradition Code Type							
☒ 1-Felony Full	☐ 5-Felony Pend.	☐ C-Misdemeanor Surrounding States		☐ Distance: _____			
☐ 2-Felony Ltd.	☐ 6-Felony Pend. Extradition Determ.	☐ D-Misdemeanor No Extradition					
☐ 3-Felony Surrounding States	☐ A-Misdemeanor Full	☐ E-Misdemeanor Pending					
☐ 4-Felony No Ext.	☐ B-Misdemeanor Limited	☐ F-Misdemeanor Pending Extradition Determ.					

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION							
Docket Number <u>CR180-26</u>	Date Filed <u>9/11/2026</u>	OTN/LiveScan Number <u>11021225-2</u>	Complaint Number <u>2026-3064</u>	Incident Number <u>2026-3064</u>	Request Lab Services? ☐ YES ☒ NO		
GENDER ☒ Male ☐ Female	DOB <u>[REDACTED]</u>	First Name <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Middle Name <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Last Name <u>[REDACTED]</u>	Add'l DOB <u>/ /</u>	Co-Defendant(s) ☐	
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 (Blond / 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				WEIGHT (lbs.) <u>240</u>		
FBI Number	MNU Number				Ft. HEIGHT In. <u>6</u> <u>01</u>		
Defendant Fingerprinted ☐ YES ☐ NO	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).

1st Assistant DA Edward F. McCann, Jr.
(Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

Edward F. McCann, Jr.
(Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth)

8/31/2026
(Date)

I, <u>Lt. Todd Richard/Det. John Wittenberger</u> (Name of the Affiant)	<u>8/29</u> (PSP/MPOETC -Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)
of <u>Montgomery County Detective Bureau</u> (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)	<u>PA0465200</u> (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 <u>[114]</u> <u>271 Snyder Road</u> (Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)	
Upper Pottsgrove Township	
in <u>Montgomery</u> County <u>[46]</u> on or about <u>Sunday, August 23, 2026</u> (County Code) (Offense Date)	



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Defendant Name	First: Sean	Middle: David	Last: Farrell	

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 _____					
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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): Voluntary Manslaughter									
Acts of the accused associated with this Offense: Defendant intentionally/knowingly killed Glenwood Pysher and at the time of the killing defendant believed the circumstances to be such that, if they existed, would justify the killing under Chapter 5 of this title, but his belief was unreasonable.									

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Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):									
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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 3.
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.)

September 1 2026
(Date) (Year)

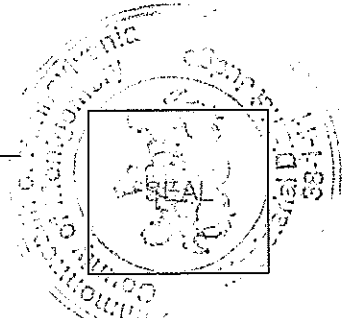

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date September 1, 2026 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.

38-1-11
(Magisterial District Court Number)


(Issuing Authority)



Affidavit of Probable Cause

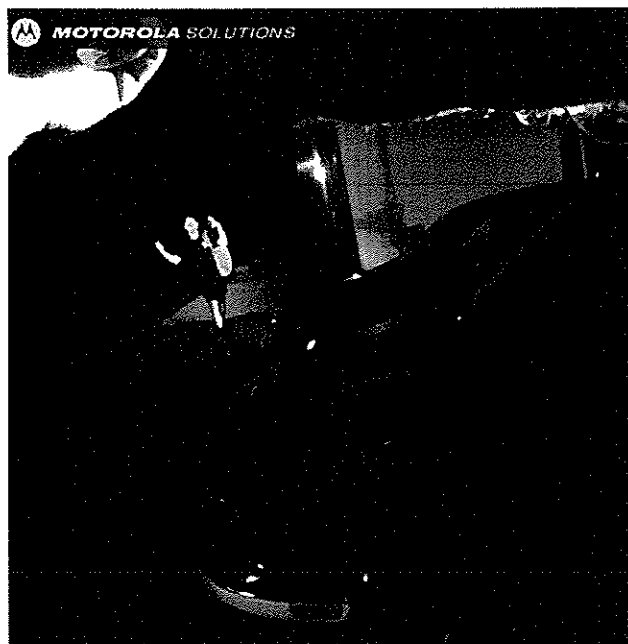
On August 23, 2026, at 12:29 AM, the Upper Pottsgrove Police Department was dispatched to a 911 call at 271 Snyder Road in Upper Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County, PA. The 911 caller, S.S., reported an unknown male in the rear of the residence possibly trying to break in.

S.S. initially reported that there was a male subject on his rear patio area. S.S. described the person as a white male, late teens/early twenties. S.S. told the 911 dispatcher that he was home with his wife and armed himself with a knife, but was staying inside the residence. S.S. also added that he did not believe the white male was armed with a weapon.

Upper Pottsgrove Police responded and Corporal Sean Farrell was the first officer to arrive on scene. Detectives reviewed Corporal Farrell's body worn camera which captured the incident. Corporal Farrell arrived on scene and walked down the driveway of 271 Snyder Road with his department issued Sig Sauer P320 handgun drawn, at the ready, and using his weapon mounted light for illumination. In addition to his handgun Corporal Farrell was equipped with non-lethal use of force options, to include his department issued taser and expandable baton. Farrell took a position behind a red car, which was parked in the driveway, when he first observed a white male standing on the rear cement patio, several feet away from the rear door of the residence.

The white male, later identified as Glenwood Earl Pysher IV, age 22, was standing still on the patio when Corporal Farrell yelled "Police, let me see your hands". Corporal Farrell followed with, "Hands up, hands up now, drop to the ground". Pysher raised his hands into the air, clearly visible, and began to walk toward Corporal Farrell. Corporal Farrell again yelled "drop to the ground" as Pysher continued to walk toward him with his hands raised. Corporal Farrell again yells "drop the ground" as Pysher continued his walk toward the

driveway where Corporal Farrell was located. Corporal Farrell then yells “stop or I’ll” but prior to finishing that statement, Corporal Farrell fired his handgun twice, striking Pysher twice in the chest. Pysher immediately fell to the ground and began bleeding profusely. Pysher was seventeen (17) to twenty (20) feet away from Corporal Farrell when Corporal Farrell shot him.



Still photograph captured from Corporal Farrell's Body Worn Camera seconds before the fatal shots were fired.

Corporal Farrell's back-up, Officer Mary Kate Kearney arrived on scene immediately after the shooting. Corporal Farrell told Officer Kearney, “The guy fucking charged me, screaming and yelling and wouldn't get down on the ground”. The body worn camera video does not depict Pysher “charging” Corporal Farrell or yelling and screaming prior to the shooting.

The crime scene was processed by Montgomery County Forensic Detective Terrance Lewis. Detective Lewis recovered two fired cartridge casings from Corporal Farrell's department issued handgun. A search of Pysher's person did not reveal any weapons on his person or in the area where he was

shot. Pysher was not armed with any type of weapon during the entire encounter.

On August 23, 2026, Montgomery County Detectives reviewed Ring video from 271 Snyder Road, Pottstown. At 12:28 AM, the video showed Pysher sitting on the back porch with a light flashing in his vicinity, consistent with him talking on the phone.

On August 23, 2026, at 4:46 AM, Montgomery County Detectives Heather Long and John Wittenberger interviewed T.B. and K.B. The two planned a bar crawl for their son's twenty-first birthday. When the group was at Jack Cassidy's Pub, 990 East High Street, Pottstown, Montgomery County, Glenwood "Bubba" Pysher arrived with another friend.

The group left Jack Cassidy's Pub and went to Riverside Bar, 209 South Hanover Street, Pottstown, Chester County. T.B. and K.B left Riverside Bar before Glenwood Pysher. T.B. and K.B. arrived home at 10:23 PM, followed by Glenwood Pysher and three of his friends at 10:58 PM, who were driven to T.B. and K.B.'s residence by another designated driver.

On August 23, 2026, at 12:10 PM, Montgomery County Detective Heather Long interviewed Z.C. Z.C. explained he was out with Glenwood "Bubba" Pysher and friends for a twenty-first birthday celebration. Glenwood received a ride to T.B. and K.B.'s residence from Riverside Bar after a night of celebrating.

Once at this residence, Glenwood wanted to continue drinking, so he decided to walk to another friend's residence. Z.C. recalled Glenwood left at approximately 11:30 PM.

On August 23, 2026, Montgomery County Detective Heather Long interviewed the son of T.B. and K.B., referred herein as KB2. KB2 explained his friends, including Glenwood "Bubba" Pysher, joined him for his twenty-first birthday. KB2 stated Glenwood, KB2 and two others received a ride to his residence from Riverside Bar.

Once at home, Glenwood insisted they all continue to drink. No one at the residence wanted to continue drinking, so Glenwood decided to walk to another friend's residence.

On Monday, August 25, 2026, Montgomery County Detectives John Wittenberger and Heather Long interviewed E.R., a friend of the victim. E.R. had been part of the pub crawl celebration earlier in the evening but had left hours before it ended. E.R. learned that the victim left the residence where he had been dropped off after the final bar visit to walk to another friend's residence.

E.R. said that around 11:45 PM on Saturday, he and other friends were exchanging calls and texts with the victim, who at that time, was apparently confused about his surroundings. E.R. said the victim sounded like he was intoxicated. The victim told E.R. he was wet from falling into water. The victim sent a Snapchat video of himself on a back porch. The victim was saying he was at another friend's house, but E.R. immediately knew the victim was at the wrong residence. At approximately 12:30 AM, E.R. tried to find the victim on Snyder Road based on a shared Snapchat location. When E.R. came into the area, the police were already on location.

Detectives learned that Pysher had been dropped off at a residence in the 100 block of Boxwood Court with friends after leaving the Riverside Bar. It was then that Pysher decided he was going to walk to another friend's residence located in the unit block of Peachtree Circle, to continue drinking. Peachtree

Circle is located approximately ½ mile from Boxwood Court, a short walking distance.

Pysher became confused or disoriented on his walk to Peachtree Circle and mistakenly ended up at 271 Snyder Road, which he believed was his friend's residence. Unable to get into 271 Snyder Road, Pysher communicated on his cellular phone with other friends, which included him sending a picture of where he actually was. Pysher's friends immediately recognized that he was not at the friend's house and Pysher shared his location so that his friends could come and pick him up. Prior to the friends arriving Corporal Farrell arrived at the scene

The use of force by a law enforcement officer in Pennsylvania is governed by 18 Pa.C.S.A §508: Use of Force in Law Enforcement. A police officer is justified in using deadly force "only when he believes such force is necessary to prevent death or serious bodily injury to himself or such other person," or when he believes both that: such force is necessary to prevent an arrest from being defeated by resistance or escape and the person to be arrested has committed or attempted a forcible felony or is attempting to escape and possesses a deadly weapon, or otherwise indicates that he will endanger human life or inflict serious bodily injury unless arrested without delay. This belief must be reasonable and articulable. Deadly force is defined by the Pennsylvania Crimes Code as: "Force, which under the circumstance in which it is used, is readily capable of causing death or serious bodily injury."

In this case, Corporal Farrell was a safe distance from Pysher, behind cover, as Pysher approached him with his hands in the air. Pysher did not possess a weapon nor was he making threats or aggressive movements toward Corporal Farrell. Pysher was not resisting or attempting to escape, nor had he committed a forcible felony or possessed a deadly weapon, nor had he done anything to indicate that he would endanger human life or inflict serious bodily

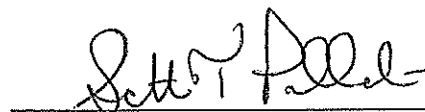
injury unless arrested without delay. Corporal Farrell unreasonably used deadly force without any consideration of using less lethal means against Pysher.

Based on the facts and circumstances set forth in this affidavit of probable cause, your affiants request that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Sean Farrell, Corporal of the Upper Pottsgrove Police Department, charging him with Voluntary Manslaughter. The information contained within this Affidavit of Probable Cause is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, information, and belief.


Lieutenant Detective Todd Richard
Montgomery County Detective Bureau


Detective John Wittenberger
Montgomery County Det. Bureau

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME
THIS 18th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.


ISSUING AUTHORITY

