

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIAState of West Virginia
v.Case No. 25-M40M-01889☒ Misdemeanor/ ☐ FelonyCHRISTOPHER TODD MASSEY

Defendant (full name)

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____

361 DREAM CHASIN DR

Address

Driver's License / Identification Number _____

WINFIELD, WV 25213

City, State & Zip Code

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Mag. Ct. Criminal Procedure Rule 3.4; 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33)

I, the undersigned complainant, upon my oath or affirmation, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 08 / 21 / 2025, in PUTNAM County, West Virginia, in violation of *West Virginia Code § (cite specific section, subsection, and/or subdivision, if applicable)* See Attached

the defendant did *(state statutory language of the offense)*See AttachedI further state that this complaint is based upon the following facts: ☒ Check if continued on attached sheet.*(If this complaint involves any of the following relationships to the defendant, check all that apply.)* The defendant:

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| ☐ is/was married to the victim. | ☐ is/was living in the same household with the victim. |
| ☐ is/was a parent or guardian of the victim. | ☐ is/was a person who is a sexual or an intimate partner of the victim. |
| ☐ has a child in common with the victim. | ☒ has none of the above connections to the victim. |

*(If this complaint involves driving under the influence (DUI) and any other traffic violations indicate the following.)*Refused secondary chemical test ☐ yes ☐ noIs CDL holder ☐ yes ☐ no

Complainant (who appears before Magistrate):

A.J. HUFF

Complainant (full name)

236 Courthouse Drive Suite 8

Address

Winfield, WV 25213

City, State & Zip Code

304-586-0256

Phone Number(s)

CORPORAL

Office or Title, if any

8/21/25

Date

Complainant Signature

On this complaint, sworn or affirmed before me and signed in my presence on this date by the complainant, the item(s) checked below apply:

Finding

- ☐ No probable cause found
☒ Probable cause found

Issuance

- ☐ Summons issued
☐ Warrant issued
☒ Warrantless arrest

8-21-2025

Date

Magistrate Signature

Narrative

On August 21, 2025 I responded to a complaint called in by Putnam County Sheriff's Deputy Seth Lewis at Winfield Middle School located in Putnam County, WV. Deputy Seth Lewis is an assistant football coach at WMS and was off-duty and coaching prior to calling Putnam Dispatch. Deputy Lewis advised that a parent, Christopher Massey, later identified by his WV license E866350, became disruptive during practice after he told Mr. Massey that his son was emotional and crying during practice. Deputy Lewis then stated that Mr. Massey became angry and wanted to speak to him. Deputy Lewis refused to speak to Mr. Massey since he was irate and told him to leave the premises. Deputy Lewis advised that he announced himself as a Sheriff's Deputy in Putnam County and told Mr. Massey that if he did not leave then he would be arrested. The defendant and Deputy Lewis have had encounters before because the defendant is an assistant football coach at Winfield High School. Mr. Massey knew that Deputy Lewis is a law-enforcement officer due to previous coaching meetings with him and Deputy Lewis telling him that he is a deputy. It was at this time, Deputy Lewis went to his parked cruiser and gathered his handcuffs and OC spray. While going to retrieve his handcuffs and OC spray was when Deputy Lewis called Putnam Dispatch and requested other units to respond to the scene. Mr. Massey then began pacing in the parking lot and continued arguing with Deputy Lewis. After telling Mr. Massey several times to leave the property, Deputy Lewis approached him and advised him to place his hands behind his back and that he was under arrest. In response, Mr. Massey stated "I'm not leaving" and stepped nose to nose with Deputy Lewis. Deputy Lewis then shoved the defendant to create space. The defendant then smacked the handcuffs out of Deputy Lewis's hands. Deputy Lewis then deployed his OC spray in the defendant's face in attempt to gain compliance. The defendant then lunged towards Deputy Lewis and attempted to tackle him by grabbing his legs. After attempting to tackle Deputy Lewis, the defendant took his shirt off and had an aggressive fighting stance. The defendant then attempted to strike Deputy Lewis and after a brief struggle, Deputy Lewis was able to place the defendant in handcuff restraints and waited for responding units to arrive. Deputy Lewis chipped his front tooth during the incident but does not remember exactly when it occurred.

I was able to review video footage recorded by a camera located in the parking lot of the middle school.

Christopher Todd Massey is hereby charged with Obstructing an Officer, Battery, Trespassing Asked to Leave, and Disorderly Conduct.

Statutory Language

§61-5-17(a). Obstructing officer; fleeing from officer; making false statements to officer; interfering with emergency communications; penalties; definitions.

(a) A person who by threats, menaces, acts, or otherwise forcibly or illegally hinders, or obstructs or attempts to hinder or obstruct a law-enforcement officer, probation officer, parole officer, courthouse security officer, correctional officer, the State Fire Marshal, or a full-time deputy or assistant fire marshal acting in his or her official capacity is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 or confined in jail not more than one year, or both fined and confined.

§61-2-9(c). Malicious or unlawful assault; assault; battery; penalties.

(c) Battery. — Any person who unlawfully and intentionally makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature to the person of another or unlawfully and intentionally causes physical harm to another person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be confined in jail for not more than twelve months or fined not more than \$500, or both fined and confined.

§61-3B-3(e). Trespass on property other than structure or conveyance.

(e) If the offender defies an order to leave, personally communicated to him or her by the owner, tenant, or agent of the owner or tenant, or if the offender opens any door, fence, or gate, and thereby exposes animals, crops, or other property to waste, destruction, or freedom, or causes any damage to property by such trespassing on property other than a structure or conveyance, he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, confined in jail for not more than six months, or both fined and confined.

§61-6-1b. Disorderly conduct; penalty.

(a) Any person who, in a public place, any office or office building of the State of West Virginia, or in the State Capitol complex, or on any other property owned, leased, occupied or controlled by the State of West Virginia, a mobile home park, a public parking area, a common area of an apartment building or dormitory, or a common area of a privately owned commercial shopping center, mall or other group of commercial retail establishments, disturbs the peace of others by violent, profane, indecent or boisterous conduct or language or by the making of unreasonably loud noise that is intended to cause annoyance or alarm to another person, and who persists in such conduct after being requested to desist by a law-enforcement officer acting in his or her lawful capacity, is guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, may be confined in jail for twenty-four hours or fined not more than \$100: Provided, That nothing in this subsection should be construed as a deterrence to the lawful and orderly public right to demonstrate in support or protest of public policy issues.