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LEGAL NOTICE

In the Common Pleas Court of Fayette County, PA, Case No. 2778 of 2024

BULLSKIN STONE & LIME, LLC, Plaintiff,

HARRY J. STOUFFER; RANDY MILLER; ROBERT MILLER; CHRIS OWEN MILLER; MICHAEL MILLIERN; BRANDON MILLER; ALEX MILLER a/k/a ALEX WATSON; ALYSSA MILLER a/k/a ALYSSA WATSON; STACEY MILLER; BETHANY MILLER; and JENNIFER HALL, Defendants.

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PROPERTY ADDRESS: Undeveloped real property in Fayette County that comprises of an approximately 53.5 acre parcel of land in Bullskin Township with tax parcel id# 04-17-0036.

PRIVATE SALE DATE: Defendants Harry J Stouffer and Alex Miller aka Alex Watson are hereby notified that a private sale of the Property by open bidding confined to the parties shall take place on November 25, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m., Courtroom #5 in the Fayette County Courthouse.

Maureen E. Sweeney, Attorney Steptoe & Johnson PLLC One PPG Place, Suite 3300 Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-504-8045 Maureen.Sweeney@Steptoe-Johnson.com

To: Tony Everhart, Jenifer Whyel, and Unknown Biological Father

In RE: J.E., minor child, born November 30, 2023

A petition for involuntary termination of parental rights has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, J.E., born November 30, 2023. The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child.

The hearing will be held in the Greene County Courthouse, 10 E. Highstreet, Waynesburg, PA 15370, on November 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 1 before Judge Jeffry N. Grimes.

You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the court without you being present.

You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help. Summit Legal aid, 63 S. Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370; (724) 627-3127 or Lawyer Referral Service, 10 E High Street, Waynesburg, PA; (724) 852-5237.

This notice given by Greene County Children and Youth Services, 150 Fort Jackson County Building, 19 South Washington Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA No. 27 Adopt 2025 Adoption of S.S., born March 31, 2017

TO WILLIAM SNYDER:

A petition has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, S.S., born March 31, 2017. The court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held in Courtroom No. 5 of the Fayette County Courthouse on October 30, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the court without your being present. You have a right to be represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should take this paper to your lawyer at once. If you do not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to find out where you can get legal help.

> PENNSYLVANIA LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE 100 SOUTH STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17108 TELEPHONE: 800-692-7375

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Monday, November 3, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

Estate Number Estate Name Representative

2624-0227 VERONICA HANYO John L. Musial, Executor

Notice is also hereby given that all of the foregoing Accounts will be called for Audit on

Monday, November 17, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

in Courtroom No. 5 of the **Honorable Judge Joseph M. George, Jr.** or his chambers, Third Floor, Courthouse, Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, at which time the Court will examine and audit said accounts, hear exceptions to same or fix a time therefore, and make distribution of the balance ascertained to be in the hands of the Accountants.

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JUDICIAL OPINION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA

v.

PATRICK RYAN STEWART

: No. 733 WDA 2025

Appellant.

Honorable Linda R. Cordaro

OPINION

Linda R. Cordaro, J.

August 15, 2025

On March 21, 2025, while represented by counsel, Appellant entered a general guilty plea to simple assault. On April 14, 2025, then represented by new counsel, the appellant filed a motion to withdrawal his guilty plea, averring the plea was not entered into knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily. On May 21, 2025, after hearing, the Court denied the motion and sentenced Appellant to six (6) months to twenty-four (24) months incarceration and a \$300 fine. The appellant now appeals the Court's denial of his motion to withdraw guilty plea.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The appellant entered his guilty plea on March 31, 2025. There, the Court conducted a full colloquy and found that he made the plea knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently. On May 21, 2025, the Court sentenced the appellant to six (6) months to twenty-four (24) months incarceration and a \$300 fine. The Court stated on the record the maximum penalty, along with the guideline sentence, the guidelines being advisory only.

On April 5, 2025, the appellant's second private counsel entered his appearance on behalf of the appellant. On the same date, the appellant filed a motion for continuance and withdrawal of the guilty plea, wherein he averred his guilty plea was not made knowingly, intelligently or voluntarily. A hearing on Appellant's Motion to Withdraw Guilty Plea and sentencing proceedings were held before the Court on May 21, 2025. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Court sentenced the appellant to six (6) months to twenty-four (24) months incarceration and a \$300 fine.

On June 13, 2025, the appellant filed a timely Notice of Appeal. On June 17, 2025, the appellant's counsel filed a motion to withdraw appearance which the Court granted. The Court issued an order for a concise statement under Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b) on June 17, 2025. Appellant filed a pro se Concise Statement of Issues on Appeal on June 30, 2025. On July 10, 2025, following a Grazier hearing, the Court appointed the Public Defender's Office as counsel for the appellant. On July 24, 2024, the Public Defender's Office filed an Amended Concise Issues raising one issue on appeal, whether the Court erred in denying Appellant's withdrawal of guilty plea.

ISSUE ON APPEAL

Following the notice of appeal, and in accordance with Pa.R.A.P. 1925(b), this Court ordered Appellant to file a Concise Statement of Errors. Appellant's timely amended statement raises a single issue:

1. Whether the court erred in denying the defendant's motion to withdraw his guilty plea because the plea was not entered into knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily?

DISCUSSION

Rule 591 provides,

"[a]t any time, before the imposition of sentence, the court may, in its discretion, permit, upon motion of the defendant, or direct, sua sponte, the withdrawal of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and the substitution of a pea of not guilty."

Pa.R.Crim.P. 591(A). Aguilty plea is to be taken in open court and the court is required to conduct a colloquy on the record to determine whether a defendant is aware of his rights and the consequences of the plea. Commonwealth v. Hodges, 789 A.2d 764, 765 (Pa. Super. 2002) citing Pa.R.Crim.P.590. Once a defendant enters a guilty plea, there is a presumption that he was aware of what he was doing Commonwealth v. Stork, 737 A.2d 789, 790 (Pa. Super. 1999). The defendant shoulders the burden to prove involuntariness of the plea. Id. Furthermore, "[a] defendant is bound by the statements he makes during his plea colloquy and may not assert grounds for withdrawing the plea that contradicted statements made when he pled." Id. at 790-791.

The Comment to Rule 590 advises that, at minimum, a plea colloquy should ascertain that the defendant understands (1) the nature of the charges to which he is pleading; (2) the factual basis for the plea; (3) that he is giving up the right to a trial by jury; (4) that he is giving up the presumption of innocence; (5) the permissible ranges of sentences and fines that can be imposed; and (6) that the court is not bound by terms of any plea agreement.

While the appellant has not requested transcripts, the Court has, sua sponte, produced transcripts for the March 31, 2025 and May 21, 2025 hearings. At the March 31, 2025 proceeding, with his counsel present, the Court conducted a thorough colloquy on the record. Therein, the Court's colloquy explicitly addressed the requirements of Rule 590. Specifically, the Court finds that the appellant understood: (1) the nature of the charges to which he is pleading and the (5) permissible ranges of sentences and fines that can be imposed.

Q: Are you pleading guilty to simple assault, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct, harassment, is that correct?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

Q: And do you understand that the terroristic threats charge is graded as a first-degree misdemeanor, making it punishable by up to five years?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

Q: And that simple assault, graded as an M-2 a second-degree misdemeanor is pun-

ishable by up two years in jail?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

N.T. March 31, 2025 General Plea pgs. 4-5. The appellant understood: (2) the factual basis for the plea.

Q: The Commonwealth is alleging that on or about January 28, 2024, you did commit the crime of simple assault in that you threw a rock at, and you punched, and you shoved, [the victim] causing injuries to her. And that you made a statement to her that would be characterized as a terroristic threats, telling her that you'll take her [expletive] hair and I'll burn you [expletive] life. Is that what happened?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

Id. at pg. 5. The appellant understood: (3) that he is giving up the right to a trial by jury and (4) that he is giving up the presumption of innocence.

Q: So, do you understand that you don't have to plead guilty to anything?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

Q: You have the right to take this case and go to trial? A: Yes, Your Honor.

Id. Finally, the appellant understood: (6) that the court is not bound by the terms of any plea agreement.

Q: Now, this is a general guilty plea, do you understand that I'm not considering any plea bargain, and that your sentence is within my discretion, do you understand that?

A: Yes, Your Honor.

Id. The record clearly demonstrates that the Court conducted a thorough colloquy as required by Rule 590. In addition, the appellant reviewed and signed the guilty plea petition which likewise enumerates his rights. Thus, the Court finds that the appellant explicitly understood each of the six minimum requirements listed in Rule 590, and that he knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently entered a general guilty plea.

At the May 21, 2025 sentence hearing, prior to sentencing, the Court provided the appellant with full opportunity to present testimony and argument on the issue of his withdrawal motion. The appellant claimed he entered into the general guilty plea with the understanding that his sentence would be limited to house arrest. N.T. May 21, 2025 Sentencing Proceedings pg. 8. He also claimed his prior counsel didn't explain the contents of the general plea. Id. The Court finds these assertions to be not credible, baseless and without merit. When questioned by the Court, the appellant confirmed he carefully reviewed the Guilty Plea Petition with his attorney. Id. at 15. He reviewed with his attorney the maximum penalties. Id. He confirmed that he understood the general guilty plea was not pursuant to any plea bargain. Id. He was not pressured in any way into pleading guilty. Id. He confirmed he was pleading guilty because he was, in fact, guilty of the offense of simple assault. Id. at 16. He confirmed that, in entering into the guilty plea, he was satisfied with his attorney. Id.

The appellant simply did not meet his burden of proof with respect to his motion to withdraw his guilty plea. See Stork, 737 A.2d at 790. The appellant produced no compelling testimony or other evidence in support of his motion. The appellant claims he entered into the general guilty plea with the understanding that he would receive a house arrest only sentence and that jail time was not a possibility. N.T. May 21, 2025 Sentencing Proceeding pgs. 8-10, 12-13. However, this belies the record. As discussed supra, the appellant explicitly confirmed his understanding of the maximum sentence, that sentencing was within the court's discretion, and that there was no plea agreement. N.T. March 31, 2025 General Plea pg. 5. At the March 31 plea proceedings, the appellant confirmed he was not promised anything in exchange for the plea.

Q: Has anyone promised you anything today to plead guilty?

A: No, Your Honor.

Q: Is anyone pressuring you in any way?

A: No, Your Honor.

N.T. March 31, 2025 General Plea pg. 6.

He also testified that he did not anticipate the Commonwealth to present a victim impact statement, which was presented after he submitted the guilty plea. N.T. May 21, 2025 Sentencing Proceeding pgs. 16-18. The Court does not find this testimony probative on the question of whether the plea was made knowingly, intelligently, or voluntarily.

Here as in Stork, the appellant is bound by the statements he made to the Court during his colloquy and cannot now assert grounds for withdrawal of the plea that contradict those statements. The totality of the circumstances and the record clearly show that at the time of the guilty plea colloquy, the appellant understood: the nature of the charges to which he plead; the factual basis for the plea; he was informed that he was giving up his right to a trial by jury; that he was giving up his presumption of innocence; and the possible range of sentences and fines that could be imposed. The appellant also understood that there was no plea agreement, and this was a general guilty plea. The Court conducted a thorough colloquy on the record, and the Court finds that Appellant knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently entered into a general guilty plea.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the judgment and sentence of Patrick Ryan Stewart should be AFFIRMED.

BY THE COURT: Linda R. Cordaro, Judge

ATTEST: Clerk of Courts

Date: August 15, 2025

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